## Did You Know?

Engage mother, father and child through recognition of their strengths, establishing open communication, and developing trust. Promote shared decision making. Mutually established goals are critical to successful reunification.

Frequent visitation is linked to both the likelihood of reunification and postreunification stability.

Both the frequency and nature of the caseworker's contact with the family are important to family reunification. Use regular visits with the child, mother and father to monitor effectiveness of interventions and measure progress toward the necessary family change identified in the assessment process.

Keep the foster care placement stable by meeting the needs of the foster parents. Promote a good relationship between the foster parents and the family; a good relationship between the parents and foster parents reduces the stress of divided loyalties and can ease transition home for the child by providing the parents with ongoing informal supports.

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