



ELECTRONICS POLICY

Electronic technology can be complicated and expensive. Families often have unique rules surrounding the use of electronics, and the risks inherent in social media, gaming, etc. Therefore, FACC has developed specific criteria for funding electronic devices:

To qualify, applicants must be able to demonstrate:

1. The device must be solely for therapeutic, educational, or OCS approved family contact needs.
2. For family contact, that no other phone/device is available to the child to provide OCS approved family contact and other options for providing contact have been exhausted.
3. No funding is available for devices for which another entity, such as OCS or the school, is legally responsible.
4. Prior to purchase, FACC must have written approval, confirmation of internet access, and agreement to supervise use for the intended purpose from the current foster/family placement or family of origin.

Applications for electronic devices must provide the following information:

1. Describe the therapeutic, educational, or OCS approved family contact needs of the child and how the device is necessary to fulfill those needs.
2. Describe the means by which OCS and/or the school district have taken care of the needs of this child and explain why those methods are not sufficient.
3. What recommendations have been received from a medical or educational professional regarding this need?
4. If the cost of the recommended device is expected to exceed \$250, please explain why the device you are requesting is necessary to fulfill the child's needs.

If an electronic device is approved for purchase, the FACC grant requestor must facilitate the completion of the Placement Family Agreement (next page)



PLACEMENT FAMILY AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE, USE, AND SUPERVISE ELECTRONIC DEVICE PROVIDED BY FACC.
(may be electronically returned to FACC)

Information necessary to complete this form can be obtained over the phone by the CASA or GAL if there is not a way for it to be completed and returned by the placement family.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Relation to Child _____

I understand that a CASA or GAL representing the child in my care has secured funding for the purchase of the following electronic device _____ to fulfill therapeutic, educational, or OCS approved family contact needs. The CASA or GAL has explained the plan with me, and I agree to accept the device on behalf of the child in my care.

I further agree to supervise use of the device for the purposes for which it is purchased, and that use is to be limited to therapy, education, or OCS approved family contact.

I confirm that I have internet access available which allows the use of the device for its intended purpose (if applicable). I understand that Friends of Alaska's Children in Care is not funding internet or other services and hardware beyond the purchase of the device.

I agree that, should the child leave my care, he/she will retain possession of the device or, if this is not possible, that I will contact the CASA or GAL to return the device.

I agree to accept all liability for the use of the device and release Friends of Alaska CASA, the CASA volunteer, and the Office of Public Advocacy from any and all liability arising out of the device.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Signature

Date

IF PARENT/GUARDIAN/PLACEMENT FAMILY CANNOT COMPLETE THIS FORM:

FACC Grant Requestor Affirmation: By my signature, I certify that I have read each provision of this agreement to the parent/guardian/placement family and have indicated their response to each item above.

CASA/GAL Printed Name

Signature

Date