

## Focusing on Children Birth to Five

-- The Importance of Co-Parenting --

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### Co-Parenting for Reunification: A Complex Process That Works

*I go see my daughter at their house. It's a much nicer place than mine. I know they think I'm a bad person and they're judging everything I do because I made some mistakes. It hurts. I want to see my kids but these visits are painful. The guilt is overwhelming.*



-- Birth Parent



*I'm furious! The case manager has told us now that Jeff will spend Christmas with his birth mother. We've had him as a foster child since he was one, and he's always coming to us all dirty and hungry. At the last visit, it was obvious the mom had been drinking. Why does the Department think that woman has cleaned up her act?*

-- Foster Parent

*I have so many visits to supervise in my caseload. And I get so mad when the birth mom doesn't show up, or worse, she shows up and the foster mom is rude to her. I see how happy the kids are to see their moms and I realize this is the point. But it's hard.*



-- Case Manager



*Where's my mommy?  
-- Foster Child*

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## FCR Data: What Have We Observed?

Throughout the first year of Foster Care Review's initiative to enhance services for children from birth to five, we have reviewed a total of 75 children ages 0-5. To read about what we have learned regarding caregiver participation at review hearings and visitation with birth parents please [Click Here](#).

For a brief overview of our 0-5 review information since the beginning of the project [Click Here](#).



## Foster Care Review's Work

### From the Executive Director

Twenty years ago, Foster Care Review was created from community frustration and outrage over the plight of children in the foster care system. FCR has now become a staple of Miami-Dade's response to the needs of these children. Trained volunteers represent the wisdom and soul of our community, reviewing the cases of children in foster care to assure that we meet our responsibilities to those who have become dependent on the state as parents. [Read more...](#)



## Please Take Our Survey!

Please take a minute to complete our survey! It's just a few questions that will greatly help us learn about you and what 0-5 issues to focus on in the future. Click here for our [survey](#).

Thank you!



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