

Dear Chief George Holem,

I understand Harry gave you quite a scare when he missed his curfew the following evening. This can be quite unsettling for any parent, especially for a new foster parent. However, you should be aware that it is not unusual for young people in care to disobey curfew or attempt to run away. It is by no means a reflection on you as a foster parent.

I sat down with Harry and asked him why he had not come home. He said that he was spending time with friends and that he did not realize what time it was, however I think there is an underlying reason for his lateness. It seems he is quite hurt about his mother returning to school. He explained that you had recently told him that he would be unable to stay with you for the summer. He wants a permanent home and feels very angry about being in care.

Harry has come a long way since being in your home. These confused and hurt feelings he has may create some challenges for you in the next coming months. Harry has had very little consistency in his life over the last four years. He has not lived in the same home for more than 6 months at a time. He has had gone to 5 different schools. I believe it is in Harry's best interest for a permanency plan to be developed. I would like to sit down with yourself and Harry's mother so that we can create a long-term plan for Harry.

Until then, if Harry runs away or misses curfew again, you can contact the MCFD's after-hour support line. :

Best Wishes,.

*Marge Henry
Harry's Social Worker*