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I don't know what I am allowed to share or not share as our case is open. But I am a foster parent who had been told that a distant kin placement takes precedence over our family. This is even the case where the child does not know, and has had no relationship with that kin. Our foster child has been with us since 1 month old and knows no other family than ours. She is now 19 months old, calls us "mama" and "dada" and we love her no differently than our other children. Taking her from us and placing her with an unknown relative would cause irreparable harm to her no matter how "slow" a transition. This policy that would give a long term placement like ours common sense consideration of a child's loving bond to their foster parent, and would prevent the traumatization of that child, preventing conditions like Reactive Attachment Disorder.