

441—202.11(234) Services to the child. The service worker shall maintain a continuous relationship with the child and help the child plan for the future, evaluate the child's needs and progress, supervise the living arrangement, arrange for social and other related services including, but not limited to, medical, psychiatric, psychological, and educational services from other resources as needed, and counsel the child in adjusting to the placement.

202.11(1) When the child is placed in a foster family home, the service worker shall visit the child regularly to fulfill responsibilities set forth in the case permanency plan and to review the child's progress. The frequency of visits shall be based on the needs of the child. At a minimum, visits to the child shall be monthly, not to exceed 35 days.

202.11(2) When the child is placed in group foster care, purchased foster family care, or purchased supervised apartment living, the service worker shall visit the child regularly to fulfill responsibilities set forth in the case plan and to review the progress of the child.

a. If the permanency goal for the child is long-term foster care, visits shall be at least quarterly, not to exceed 90 days.

b. For all other cases, visits shall be at least every 45 days. When the funded full-time equivalency (FTE) workload exceeds 150, as established in the department's budget allocation, minimum visits for group care shall be at least quarterly, not to exceed 90 days; for purchased foster family care visits shall be at least every other month, not to exceed 60 days.

202.11(3) When placement of a breastfeeding child is made, the service worker shall:

a. Assess in consultation with the worker's supervisor whether continued breastfeeding by the mother is in the best interest of the child;

b. Make every reasonable effort to support the mother's continued breastfeeding for the child if determined appropriate; and

c. Document the assessment and efforts in the child's case plan and case notes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 234.6(6) "b."