

BRAAM v. STATE OF WASHINGTON

REVISED SETTLEMENT AND EXIT AGREEMENT

Appendix B – Exceptions to Sibling Visits

Children placed apart from their siblings will have two or more monthly visits or contacts (not including staffing meetings or court events), with their siblings unless the case meets an exception agreed to by the parties. These exceptions include:

- 1) A court order prevents or limits visits or contacts; or
- 2) The Children's Administration determined visits or contacts:
 - a. were contrary to the child's health, safety or welfare; or
 - b. would hinder reunification efforts; or
- 3) The child's file documents that:
 - a. The child and/or sibling were developmentally able to determine his/her needs for sibling contact and requested that contact occur less than two times per month (or not at all); or
 - b. The parent of a non-dependent sibling objected to or wished to limit visits/contacts with the dependent sibling; or
 - c. The facility where the child/sibling resides prohibits or limits visits/contacts with siblings (i.e., during the intake period at in-patient facilities); or
 - d. The child is on the run from his/her placement for a majority of the calendar month during which compliance is being measured; or
 - e. The child is not complying with visitation arrangements.

Exceptions must be approved by the supervisor and documented in the child's file.