

## **Section 6 Overview**

This section is developed to guide Resource Development Workers in decision making, the provision and documentation of services to children and their families, development of community resources, and their subsequent assessment and utilization. These resources are designed to enhance and augment services to children and their families in need of preventive, protective, and out-of-home care services.

Procedures contained in this chapter incorporate assessment standards (largely based on licensing rules) which reflect the concern of the agency for those children who must live apart from their families during some part of their minority. The purpose of these standards is to protect those children from abuse, neglect, injury, and exploitation, and to assist in treatment and improved social functioning.

It is recognized that such direction cannot be all inclusive; therefore, staff will still need to exercise judgment in individual case situations. In those situations in which staff do not follow the procedures, they will be expected to document the justification for their actions in the individual case record.

With each procedure, and each step within a procedure, it may be necessary for the worker to secure supervisory assistance in order to make a decision. The procedures do not contain a reference to worker-supervisor conferences, but this joint decision-making activity is understood to be an integral part of service delivery to community resource providers.

## **Chapter 15 Overview**

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## Large Family Resource Home

### 6.15.1 Legal Basis

A large family resource home is a licensed foster home of two parents who are committed to caring for a large family and have completed an mutual assessment process with a trained resource development worker to be approved to provide twenty-four (24) hour care for seven to ten (7-10) children including foster youth in the custody of the Children's Division and all their own children up to 18 years of age. The primary purpose of approving a large family resource home is to safely keep sibling groups together.

### 6.15.2 Initial Approval Process

A current Missouri-licensed two parent resource home must meet the following requirements to be considered for the approval assessment process to be a large family resource home. These requirements are to be included in the large family resource home Addendum to the Home Assessment and any changes or updates recorded in the Quarterly Home Summary:

#### 16.15.2.1 Qualifications

- a. Compliant with all the minimum qualifications for a resource family home as identified in [13 CSR 35-60.010](#) and [13 CSR 35-60.030](#), including but not limited to:
  1. All household members age 17 and older have clear background checks, including fingerprinting results, Child Abuse Registry checks, and Family Care Safety Registry check
  2. Minimum age of 21 for both parents
  3. Both parents legal United States citizens
  4. Both parents demonstrate the skills listed for the five competencies, 13 CSR 35-60.030 (3)(A)
  5. Both parents are responsible, mature, of reputable character, exercise sound judgment, display the capacity to provide good care for children and display the motivation to foster
  6. Both parents successful completion of required pre-service and in-service training
- b. Licensed and active as a resource home, FH, for the State of Missouri for the past four (4) consecutive years.

If the currently licensed resource home applicant, FH, has not been licensed for the State of Missouri for the previous four (4) consecutive years, the two parent licensed home must have been licensed for a

minimum of one year and has successfully raised and/or are successfully raising five (5) or more children. These applicants will only be eligible to have one foster youth placed at a time or for one sibling group to maintain the siblings in the same household for the first year of approval. The home will not be eligible for the maximum possible children in the home, ten (10), during the first year of approval as a Large Family Resource Home.

- c. In good standing with the division and the division's contractors as supported by submitted written references.
- d. Have no Child Abuse and Neglect reports with a *preponderance of evidence* or *substantiated* conclusion.
- e. Complete required [Large Family Resource Home Management training](#).
- f. Both parents demonstrate organizational skills for a large family to coordinate all meals, appointments, attendance at court hearings, Family Support Team meetings, school meetings and events, recreational activities and one on one time with each foster youth.
- g. Submits a written plan for resource parent to spend one on one time with each foster youth placed in the home.
- h. Demonstrates parenting skills and parenting plan does not rely on having children parenting responsibility for other children.
- i. Provide written recommendations to the resource development worker indicating both parents are a suitable applicant for a large family resource home approval from three (3) professional child welfare stake holders who are non-child welfare professionals (e.g. therapists, teachers, GALs, attorneys, etc.).
- j. Cooperate with completion of the Large Family Resource Home Assessment Checklist, CD-28.

The resource development worker will update the resource home assessment record indicating the approval of the licensed resource home as a large family resource home in the form of an addendum using information from the Large family resource Home Assessment Checklist, CD-28. The CD-28 will be attached to the Home Assessment Addendum.

The resource development worker will update the FACES computer system with an application and approval for a large family resource home, FG.

### **16.15.2.2 Physical Standards**

- a. Compliance with all required physical standards as identified in 13 CSR 35-60.040.
- b. Conformance with local fire, safety and sanitation ordinances per the Fire and Safety Assessment Form, CD-30 must be achieved prior to large family resource home approval.
- c. Adult/ child ratio is a maximum of 1:5.
- d. The scope of these responsibilities with multiple numbers of foster youth in the home is a full-time job for the primary resource provider caregiver. Responsibilities include immediate response to any problem experienced by the child at home, school, or in the community. The foster parent(s) shall cooperate with the agency in providing transportation as indicated by the individual needs of each foster youth including but not limited to medical and dental appointments, educational or training programs and counseling. Responsibilities also include providing the foster youth with opportunities for the recreation and social activities, to attend staffing and treatment planning meetings for the youth, to work with biological parent/kin and to maintain detailed and accurate reports of significant events involving the child. Accordingly, full-time employment outside the home by **both** primary resource providers is not recommended by Division policy. Policy for submission of a plan for employment is the same as outlined for Elevated Needs resource providers as outlined in 4.14. Attachment B.
- e. Two toilets and one tub or shower for each five children shall be provided.
- f. The family shall have a telephone to call for assistance in an emergency.
- g. Electronic supervision is not an acceptable alternative to human supervision.
- h. There shall be no surveillance cameras in areas of the home that violate the privacy of the foster youth, e.g. bathrooms and dressing areas.
- i. Large Family Resource Homes shall not reside in a mobile home.

### **16.15.2.3 Supports**

- a. There shall be a list of services the large family resource home has access to and will use for medical, physical, and social treatment per the foster youth's case plan.

- b. There shall be a list of social, recreational, educational, or vocational activities in the community the large family resource home uses to encourage social and community integration through the development of life skills.
- c. There shall be a written plan of how the large family resource home will encourage and facilitate family involvement including visits, activities, family support team meetings and other support as needed.
- d. There shall be a supervision back up plan with at least two Family Care Registry cleared adults to provide supervision if needed. This is not policy defined respite care services. Refer to Section 4 Chapter 17 for Respite Care Services.

#### **16.15.3 Capacity**

- a. There shall be no foster youth under the age of six (6) except with regional approval to temporarily accommodate a sibling group. No additional foster youth shall be placed in the home once a youth age six (6) and under is placed in the home.
- b. There shall be no Elevated Needs Level A, B or medical foster youth placed in a large family resource home.
- c. There shall be a list of items that are prohibited for the foster youth to have in their possession while placed in the large family resource home and consequences that will result if prohibited items are brought to into the home.
- d. There shall be a transportation plan documented for transporting all of the family in the residence.
- e. The large family resource home will understand and agree to the Discipline Agreement, CD-119, indicated by both parents signatures and all adults residing in the household.

#### **6.15. 4 Review of the Home**

A resource development worker shall conduct a safety and well being visit in the home at a minimum of one time monthly. The required quarterly home visit which is for support and training needs assessment may be combined with the safety and well being visit once a quarter.

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The visit shall include the completion of the Resource Home and Safety Checklist, CS-45. A summary of the concerns and the successes in the household will be placed in the case narrative.

On a quarterly basis the required documentation will be completed for the home; CD-118, quarterly summary and data entry in Licensing Visit screen in FACES

#### **6.15.5 Approval Renewal**

The process for the large family resource home approval to be renewed corresponds with all the requirements for the home's resource family home license to be renewed. The home must successfully have the foster home license renewed for the consideration of the approval to continue providing large family resource home services. Refer to [Section 6 Chapter 3 Attachment D](#) for foster home license renewal process.

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