

DCYF’s Foster Care Negotiated Rule Making (NRM)
WAC Completion Progress Report

1st Four-Week Rotation: October 21 - November 15, 2024 (WAC Set #1)

Negotiation has completed on the following WAC:

Consensus reached

None during this time.

Partial consensus reached

WAC	Reason(s) Consensus was Blocked
<p>DRAFT WAC 110-148-1365 General requirements for foster parents and those living on the premises. <i>(current WACs 1365 and 1370 were combined)</i></p> <p>(1) To apply for a foster care license, foster parent applicants must:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(a) Be at least 21 years old;</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">(b) Demonstrate through the department’s assessment process:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(i) They have the:</p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;">(A) Understanding, ability, physical health, emotional stability, and personality suited to meet the physical, mental, emotional, cultural, and social needs of children and youth in care;</p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;">(B) Ability to meet the financial needs of the family without the foster care reimbursement made for the children and youth in care; and</p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;">(C) Ability to communicate with all of the following:</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">(I) Children and youth in care;</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">(II) The department;</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">(III) Health care providers; and</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">(IV) Other service providers;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(ii) The condition of the home and property meet the safety and well-being needs of children and youth in care; and</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(iii) All members of the household:</p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;">(A) Agree to comply with the minimum licensing requirements; and</p> <p style="margin-left: 60px;">(B) Have the physical and mental health to meet the safety and well-being needs of children and youth in care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus on subsection (4)(a) was blocked by 4 of the 13 NRM representative groups because they had concerns about the caregivers being responsible for the cost of the evaluation. • All other subsections reached consensus.

- (2) Foster parents must comply with all of the following upon and after placement of children and youth in their care:
- (a) Follow the case plan for the children and youth in care;
 - (b) Not use:
 - (i) Illegal substances;
 - (ii) Any of the following in the presence of children or youth, when caring for children or youth, or in a way that affects their ability to provide safe care:
 - (A) Legal drugs;
 - (B) Alcohol to the point of inebriation;
 - (C) Medications contrary to the prescription or medication label;
 - (c) Verify that everyone residing on the premises or who has unsupervised access to children and youth must demonstrate they can provide an environment that is:
 - (i) Safe;
 - (ii) Nurturing;
 - (iii) Respectful; and
 - (iv) Supportive.
- (3) At any time that a child safety or well-being concern is noted, the department may require:
- (a) Applicants and foster parents to provide additional information;
 - (b) If the concern is not mitigated by additional information, the department may require:
 - (i) An evaluation of the premises; or
 - (ii) An evaluation of the applicant or anyone living in the home by an evaluator the department recommends.
- (4) When the department requires an evaluation, applicants or licensees must:
- (a) Pay any related costs for evaluations required by the department; and
 - (b) Give written permission for the evaluator to exchange information with the department prior to and throughout the evaluation process.

Negotiations continues on the following WAC:

- 110-148-1375 Preservice first aid, CPR and BBP training.
- 110-148-1385 Determining license capacity.
- 110-148-1395 Admitting and retaining children and youth
- 110-148-1380 In-service training.
- 110-148-1390 Overcapacity exceptions.
- 110-148-1400 Medical services for children and youth who are medically fragile or with developmental disabilities.