Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 4.—Maternal and Child Health—Group Boarding Homes and Residential Centers for Children and Youth.

28-4-268. Definitions.

(a) "Basement" means each area with a floor level more than 30 inches below ground level on all four sides.

(b) "Child" means each individual under 16 years of age.

(c) "Corporal punishment" means each activity directed toward modifying a child's behavior by means of adverse physical contact such as spanking with the hand or an implement, slapping, swatting, pulling hair, or any similar activity.

(d) "Developmental disability" means any physical, emotional, or mental disability which constitutes a substantial handicap to the individual as defined in public law 91-517.

(e) "Discipline" means the on-going process of helping children develop inner control so that they can manage their own behavior in a socially-approved manner.

(f) "Emergency care" means residential care not to exceed 30 days.

(g) "Emergency shelter" means residential care and protection not to exceed 30 days.

(h) "Facility" means a group boarding home or residential center that provides residential care.

(i) "Group boarding home" means a non-secure facility providing residential care for not less than five nor more than ten persons unrelated to the caregivers, and includes emergency shelters and maternity homes.

(j) "Isolation" means removal of a resident from other residents to a separate locked room or quarters.

(k) "License" means a document issued by the Kansas department of health and environment which authorizes a licensee to operate and maintain a group boarding home or residential center.

(l) "Living unit" means a group of residents living together as an established unit within a residential center.

(m) "Maternity care" means residential care which includes services to women during pregnancy.

(n) "Maternity home" means a facility whose primary function is to provide services to women during pregnancy.

(o) "Non-secure facility" means a facility which provides the resident access to the surrounding community.

(p) "Placing agent" means the person, social agency or court possessing the legal right to place a child.

(q) "Program" means the comprehensive and coordinated sets of activities and services providing for the care, protection and development of the residents.

(r) "Resident" means any child, youth or pregnant woman accepted for care in the residential facility.

(s) "Residential care" means 24-hour care.

(t) "Residential center" means a non-secure facility which provides residential care for more than 10 residents unrelated to the caregivers, and includes emergency shelters and maternity homes.

(u) "Temporary care" means residential care not to exceed 90 days.

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