

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department for Children and Families

Article 47.—Foster Care Licensing

30-47-920. Environmental standards.

(a) Location and premises. Each licensee shall ensure that the child-placement agency does not provide overnight care for any child in foster care.

(1) Each licensee shall ensure that the child-placement agency is accessible to the children and families receiving services from the child-placement agency, to the staff members and volunteers, and to the community.

(2) Each licensee shall ensure that sufficient space is provided for visitor, staff member, and volunteer parking.

(3) Each licensee shall ensure that public water and sewage systems, where available, are used. If public water and sewage systems are not available, each licensee shall maintain approval by the appropriate health authorities for any private water or sewage systems that are used.

(4) Outdoor areas shall be free of known health, safety, and environmental hazards.

(b) General building requirements.

(1) Each licensee shall ensure that the child-placement agency is located in a building that meets the following requirements:

(A) Complies with the requirements specified in K.S.A. 65-508 and amendments thereto, all applicable building codes, and local ordinances;

(B) is a permanent structure; and

(C) is free from known environmental hazards.

(2) Before making any changes to the premises or the site plan, each applicant and each licensee shall submit to the department an updated detailed floor plan showing the changes.

(c) Structural requirements.

(1) Each licensee shall ensure that there is space for the services to be offered, including the following:

- (A) Waiting or reception areas;
- (B) staff work spaces;
- (C) meeting areas that allow for privacy;
- (D) bathrooms; and
- (E) secure and retrievable storage of records.

(2) Each licensee shall ensure that privacy and confidentiality are assured for the children and families receiving services from the child-placement agency.

(d) Shared premises. If activities that are not part of the child-placement agency are conducted on the same premises as those for the child-placement agency, each licensee shall designate a room or rooms for the exclusive use of the child-placement agency.

(1) Each licensee shall ensure the room or rooms used by the child-placement agency are equipped with furniture and office supplies to meet the needs of the staff members and children and families receiving services. Furniture and office supplies shall be maintained in safe operating condition.

(2) Each licensee shall ensure that the facility has adequate locking central storage for supplies, medications, and property of children receiving services.

(Authorized by K.S.A. 65-508, 75-3084, and 75-3085; implementing K.S.A. 65-508; effective June 7, 2024.)

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