

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department for Children and Families

Article 47.—Foster Care Licensing

30-47-813. Reasonable and prudent parent standard.

(a) Social development. Each licensee shall provide for the growth and development of each child in foster care by providing the following:

(1) Each child in foster care shall be treated with dignity and respect and shall have the same age-appropriate rights and services as those of other individuals in the home.

(2) Each licensee shall ensure that each child in foster care is allowed age- or developmentally appropriate control of personal resources, participation in employment, community activities and services.

(3) Each child shall be provided age-appropriate privacy.

(b) Culture and religion. Each licensee shall meet the cultural and religious needs of each child in foster care placed in the family foster home.

(c) Recreational development. Each licensee shall provide an adequate supply of play equipment, materials, and books that meet the following requirements:

(1) Are suitable to the developmental needs and interests of each child in foster care; and

(2) are safe, clean, and in good repair.

(d) Basic life skills. Each licensee shall provide assistance to each child in learning basic life skills that allow the opportunity to improve self-concept and strengthen identity in preparation for life after foster care.

(e) Family activities. Taking into consideration the age, needs, and case plan of each child in foster care, each licensee shall include each child in foster care in the daily life of the foster family, including eating meals with the foster family and participating in recreational activities.

(f) Daily routine. Each licensee shall provide a daily routine that includes the following, in accordance with the age and needs of each child in foster care:

(1) Active and quiet play, both indoors and, weather permitting, outdoors;

- (2) rest and sleep; and
- (3) nutritious meals and snacks.
- (g) Essential and special items.

(1) Each licensee shall ensure that each child in foster care is provided with essential items to meet the child's needs, including the following:

- (A) Shelter;
- (B) nonprescription medical needs;
- (C) clothing and shoes;
- (D) toiletries and personal hygiene products; and
- (E) birthday and holiday gifts.

(2) Each licensee shall notify the sponsoring child-placement agency and the child's child-placing agent whenever a licensee identifies a need for additional resources to provide a special item for a child in foster care.

(h) Allowance. Each licensee shall provide an allowance to each child in foster care equal to that of any other children of similar age in the family foster home who receive an allowance.

(i) Work opportunity. Each child in foster care shall have the opportunity to earn spending money at tasks or jobs according to the child's age, ability, and case plan. The money shall be the child's money, and the child shall not be forced to provide for needs that otherwise would be provided by the licensee.

(j) High-risk sport or recreational activity. Any licensee may permit a child in foster care to engage in any high-risk sport or recreational activities if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) Written permission for the specific activity is obtained from the parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian of the child in foster care and from the child's child-placing agent.

(2) The licensee assesses the individual child-specific risk factors before giving permission. These factors shall include the age and maturity level of the child, behavior disorders, suicidal tendencies, developmental delays, thrill-seeking behavior, and difficulty with anger control.

(3) Protective safety gear is used, if required for the sport or activity and in compliance with any manufacturer's specifications and general safety guidelines.

(4) Direct supervision by an individual is provided to ensure safe participation.
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