

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department for Children and Families

Article 47.—Foster Care Licensing

30-47-110. Scheduling and direct supervision.

(a) Each permittee and each licensee shall develop and implement a written schedule for professional staff members and shall include requirements for scheduling staff members as follows:

(1) A psychiatrist or advanced practice registered nurse shall be available 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

(2) Nursing staff shall be available on-site from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

(3) A qualified mental health professional shall be available for consultation 24 hours per day, seven days per week and on-site from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

(b) Each permittee and each licensee shall develop and implement a written daily staff member schedule. The schedule shall meet the required staffing ratios of direct care staff members to juveniles at all times.

(1) The schedule shall provide for a sufficient number of staff members on the living unit to provide direct supervision at all times and to provide for each juvenile's physical, social, emotional, and educational needs.

(2) The schedule shall provide for a minimum staffing ratio of one direct care staff member for every six juveniles.

(3) At least one direct care staff member of the same sex as the juveniles shall be present, awake, and available to the juveniles at all times. If both male and female juveniles are present in the center, at least one male and one female direct care staff member shall be present, awake, and available.

(c) At no time shall there be fewer than two direct care staff members present on the living unit when one or more juveniles are in care.

(d) Alternate direct care staff members shall be provided for the relief of the scheduled direct care staff members on a one-to-one basis and in compliance with the staffing ratios of direct care staff members to juveniles.

(e) Only direct care staff members shall be counted in the required staffing ratio.

(f) Policies and practice regarding direct supervision shall provide for adequate staff and shall include the following requirements:

(1) No juvenile shall be left without direct supervision.

(2) Electronic supervision shall not replace the ratio requirements.

(3) Staff members shall know the location of each juvenile at all times.

(Authorized by K.S.A. 65-536, 75-3084, and 75-3085; implementing K.S.A. 65-504, 65-508, and 65-536; effective June 7, 2024.)

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