	Department of Human Services **CHILDREN, ADULTS & FAMILIES** **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INDEX** **ISSUED BY:** Office of Safety and Permanency for Children **TEMPORARY**: 1-01-08	**NUMBER:** II-B.2 **OAR:** 413-200-0210 thru 0220 **SECTION:** B. Foster Home Certification **SUBSECTION:**
SUBJECT: 2. Family Group Home Standards – OAR		

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REFERENCES

ORS 418.625 to 418.645, Foster Home Certification and Supervision
Child Welfare Policy, II-B.1, Safety Standards for Family Foster Care, Relative Care, and Adoptive Families
Child Welfare Policy, I-G.1.4, Criminal History

413-200-0210
Family Group Home Standards - Statement of Purpose

(1) The family group home program was developed to meet the needs of children and young adults in Child Welfare custody who, because of emotional or behavioral characteristics, require a group living situation more structured than a foster home, but less structured than a group residential program. The purpose of family group home placement is to ---

(a) Provide safety for the child or young adult in the least restrictive environment appropriate to meet the needs of the child or young adult;

(b) Improve the functioning of the child or young adult at home and in the community;

(c) Improve the relationship of the child or young adult with supportive adults; and

(d) Improve the ability of the child or young adult to successfully solve the problems of daily living.

(2) OAR 413-200-0210 and 413-200-0220 must be used in conjunction with Child Welfare Policies II-B.1, "Certification Standards for Foster Parents, Relative Caregivers, and Pre-Adoptive Parents", OAR 413-200-0301 to 413-200-0396 and II-B.1.1, "Department Responsibilities for Certification and Supervision of Relative Caregivers, Foster Parents and Pre-Adoptive Parents", OAR 413-200-0270 to 413-200-0296.

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Family Group Home Requirements

(1) The following definitions apply to OAR 413-200-0210 and 413-200-0220:

(a) "Caseworker" means a Child Welfare employee assigned primary responsibility for a child or young adult served by Child Welfare.

(b) "Certifier" means a Child Welfare employee who conducts assessments of applicants interested in providing foster or relative care to children in the legal or voluntary custody of Child Welfare, determines whether or not to recommend approval of the operation of a relative care or foster home, and monitors the compliance of a relative care or foster care home with Child Welfare certification standards.

(c) "Child" means a person under 18 years of age.

(d) "Department" means the Department of Human Services, Child Welfare.

(e) "Family group home provider" means the persons listed on the contract to provide Family Group Home services.

(f) "Individual service plan" means a goal-oriented, time limited written document which identifies the strengths and needs of the child or young adult, prioritizes desired behavior changes, and identifies appropriate services and supports to achieve the identified behavior changes.

(g) "Liaison" means a Child Welfare employee, assigned by the local branch office, with primary responsibility for supporting referral, intake, and placement of children and young adults in the family group home.

(h) "Young adult" means a person aged 18 through 20 years, who remains in the care and custody of Child Welfare and lives in substitute care or lives independently, through the Child Welfare Independent Living Subsidy Program.

(2) A family group home provider must ---

(a) Meet all the safety standards defined in Child Welfare Policy II-B.1, "Certification Standards for Foster Parents, Relative Caregivers, and Pre-Adoptive Parents", OAR 413-200-0301 to 413-200-0396;

(b) Receive a "Certificate of Approval to Operate a Family Foster Home"; and

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(c) Have the capacity to provide a safe and caring environment for a child or young adult whose emotional and behavioral characteristics are appropriate for family group home care.

(3) The family group home provider may contract for a minimum of four and a maximum of eight children and young adults. The total number of children and young adults living in the home, including the provider's children, may not exceed eight.

(4) The family group home provider may not provide emergency or shelter care for children or young adults.

(5) The family group home provider and the family group home liaison must jointly establish intake procedures for children and young adults being placed in the home. The intake procedure must include:

(a) Consultation between the caseworker, the family group home liaison, and the family group home provider to discuss the child or young adult being referred, and

(b) A pre-placement visit in the family group home by the child or young adult being referred.

(6) Individual service plans

(a) Within 30 days of placement, an individual service plan must be developed for each child or young adult. The child, the foster family home liaison, the caseworker, and the family group home provider must be included in the development of the individual service plan. Other service providers may also be included.

(b) Individual service plans must be goal-oriented and time-limited. Each plan must consider the strengths and needs of the child or young adult, identify desired behavior changes, and estimate when the behavior changes will be achieved. The individual service plan must prioritize the behavior change goals, identify services and supports that will address each goal, and must include an after-care plan.

(c) For any child or young adult 16 years or older, the individual service plan must incorporate the Comprehensive Transition Plan (referred to as a youth's service plan in Child Welfare Policy I-B.2.3.5, "Independent Living Programs", OAR 413-030-0400 to 413-030-0455).

(7) The family group home provider must establish procedures for review of the individual service plan and after-care plan of the child or young adult. The after-care plan

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identifies the placement for the child or young adult after the child or young adult leaves the family group home.

(a) Each element of the individual service plan of the child or young adult is reviewed by the child or young adult, the family group home provider, the family group home liaison, and the caseworker every three months after the development of the plan. The individual service plan is revised or modified as necessary based on the progress of the child or young adult in meeting the behavior change goals.

(b) The after-care plan is reviewed by the child or young adult, the family group home provider, the family group home liaison, and the caseworker at the time of each individual service plan review, and the after-care plan is revised or modified as necessary based on the progress of the child or young adult in meeting the behavior change goals.

(8) Transitions.

(a) When a child or young adult has completed his or her individual service plan, the child or young adult is transitioned to the after-care resource in accordance with the individual service plan.

(b) If the child or young adult needs to be moved before the child or young adult has completed the individual service plan, the child or young adult, the family group home provider, the family group home liaison, and the caseworker of the child or young adult develop the transition plan for the move of the child or young adult. Whenever possible, the family group home provider provides 10 working days notice to the caseworker and the family group home liaison, requesting a child or young adult be moved from the home. Whenever possible, the caseworker provides 10 working days notice to the family group home provider and the family group home liaison when a child or young adult will be moved from the home.

(9) Staffing.

(a) A family group home must be staffed by the family group home provider.

(b) There must be a minimum of one adult to every four children and young adults who are present in the home.

(c) Any other adult providing care and supervision of a child or young adult in the home must meet the alternative caregiver requirements of Child Welfare Policy II-B.1, "Certification Standards for Foster Parents, Relative Caregivers, and Pre-Adoptive Parents", OAR 413-200-0301 to 413-200-0396.

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(10) The family group home provider must plan for a minimum of 48 hours per month away from child care responsibilities. The family group home provider must prepare a written plan for respite care with the family group home liaison.

(11) Each family group home provider must participate in 30 hours of professional training each year. The certifier and the family group home provider jointly agree upon a written training plan.

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