	STATE OFFICE for SERVICES to CHILDREN and FAMILIES RESOURCE MANAGEMENT MANUAL II **ISSUED BY:** Program Operations **EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 27, 2000 **EXPIRATION DATE:** March 23, 2001	**NUMBER:** II-B.2 **OAR:** 413-200-0210 / 0220 **SECTION:** B. Certification Standards **SUBSECTION:**
SUBJECT: 2. Family Group Home Standards -Temporary Oregon Administrative Rules		

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Responsible Manager: Manager,
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REFERENCES: ORS 418.625 to 418.645
SOSCF Policy, I-G.1.4, Criminal History Check and Nationwide Criminal Record Check through the FBI for Foster Parents and Adoptive Parents of SOSCF Children
CF 1002, Application for Foster Home Certificate
CF 1011, CF 1011F, CS 1011R, Consent for Criminal Records Check
CF 996, Family Foster Home Shelter Contract
CF 117, Request for Exception to Rule - Foster Home/Adoptive Home
OMAP 1417, Medical Care Identification

FAMILY GROUP HOME - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

413-200-0210 The family group home program was developed to meet the needs of children in SOSCF custody who, because of emotional and/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 foster group home placement is to improve the child's functioning at home and in the community, to improve the child's relationship with his or her birth family, and to improve the child's ability to successfully solve the problems of daily living. These rules must be used in conjunction with OAR 413-200-0300 through 413-200-0405, Safety Standards for Kinship, Foster and Adoptive Families, SOSCF Policy II-B.1.

Statutory Authority: ORS 418.005
Stats. Implemented: ORS 418.625

FAMILY GROUP HOME REQUIREMENTS

413-200-0220 (1) Family Group Home providers must meet all the safety standards defined in OAR 413-200-0300 through 413-200-0405, SOSCF Policy II-B.1, and receive a “Certificate of Approval to Operate a Family Foster Home”.

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(2) Family group homes shall contract for a minimum of four and a maximum of eight of children. Children being transitioned to foster care shall be counted toward the total number of children in the home.

(3) Family group homes shall not provide emergency or shelter care for children.

(4) Family group homes shall establish intake procedures for children being placed. The intake procedure must include consultation between the SOSCF worker and the provider to discuss the child being referred, and a preplacement visit in the group home by the child being referred.

(5) Treatment plans:

(a) Within 30 days of placement, the assigned group home worker, the placement worker, and the provider shall develop an individualized treatment plan for each child;

(b) Treatment plans will be goal-oriented and time-limited. Each plan shall identify desired behavior changes and shall estimate when the treatment goals will be achieved. Each treatment shall state and prioritize treatment goals, identify treatment services that will address each goal, and shall include the division's recommendations for treatment and after-care placement.

(6) The group home will establish procedures for reviewing the child's treatment plan and after-care plan.

(a) Each element of each child's treatment plan shall be reviewed by the provider, the group home worker, and the placement worker at least every three months after the development of the plan. The treatment plan shall be revised or modified as necessary;

(b) The after-care plan shall be reviewed by the provider, the assigned group home worker, and the placement worker at the time of each treatment plan review, and the after-care plan shall be revised or modified as necessary.

(7) Terminations:

(a) When a child has completed his or her treatment program, the child will be moved to the after-care resource in accordance with the after-care plan;

(b) If the child needs to be moved before the child has completed the treatment program, the provider, the assigned group home worker and the placement worker shall agree when and to where the child shall be moved. If an agreement cannot be reached, the agency shall decide when to move a child and where.

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(8) The group home will establish performance criteria, with input from the SOSCF group home worker and placement worker, for evaluating the needs of children served by the program. The performance criteria will be used to measure the goals set for the child and how well the child was able to meet the expected outcomes.

(9) Staffing:

(a) A family group home will be staffed on a family-based model of care;

(b) There shall be a minimum of one adult to every five children in residence. If there are more than five children in residence, staffing shall be proportional. Example: If there are eight children in residence, there should be 1.6 adults. The additional .6 full-time equivalent adult shall be in the home during critical hours of family group home operation, usually after school until bed time.

(10) Family group home parents must plan for a minimum of 48 hours per month away from child care responsibilities. Family group home parents shall prepare a written plan for respite care.

(11) At the beginning of each contract year, family group home parents will prepare an anticipated financial plan of expenditures for the coming year.

(12) The agency will conduct a quality assurance review of every family group home at least every two years in accordance with the established program evaluation outline.

(13) Each family group home parent shall participate in 30 hours of professional training each year. The agency and the family group home parent will agree upon a written training plan.

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