

	<b>STATE OFFICE for SERVICES to CHILDREN and FAMILIES</b>	<b>POLICY NUMBER: I-E.4.1 OAR: 413-080-000 / 0030</b>
	<b>CLIENT SERVICES MANUAL I</b>	<b>SECTION: E. Substitute Care</b>
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<b>SUBJECT: 1. Shelter Care - Oregon Administrative Rule</b>		

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## PURPOSE

**413-080-000** These rules define the program requirements unique to shelter care placements and are in addition to the expectations for all substitute care placements.

**Statutory Authority: ORS 418.005**

**Stats. Implemented: ORS 418.005**

## DEFINITION

**413-080-010 "Shelter Care"** means a home or other facility certified or licensed by SOSCF as suitable for safekeeping of a child who is taken into temporary custody pending the investigation and disposition of juvenile court jurisdiction or to provide emergency services for children in the legal custody of SOSCF.

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**Stats. Implemented: ORS 418.005**

## POLICY

### Eligibility for Shelter Care

**413-080-020** The State Office for Services to Children and Families may place a child in a certified shelter home or licensed shelter care facility and compensate the care provider at the appropriate shelter care rate if the child's circumstances meet one of the following criteria:

(1) The child would be in danger if allowed to remain at home until a regular placement can be arranged.

**(2)** The child has problems which cannot be adequately assessed while at home, and close and objective observation of the child's day-to-day behavior is needed in order to evaluate the reasons for the behavior and to determine the child's need for care and treatment.

**(3)** A child whose substitute care placement has failed or has been temporarily disrupted and must have an interim placement while arrangements are made for another regular placement. SOSCF will not use shelter care for this purpose if the child can be transitioned directly into a regular placement.

**(4) A Family Shelter Home** is appropriate for any child who meets the criteria for family foster care placement.

**(5) A Professional Shelter Care Center** is appropriate for children who need:

**(a)** More intensive supervision and skilled behavior management than family shelter care provides and who require an assessment to determine whether or not a child should be returned to his/her family or placed in substitute care;

**(b)** Emergency 24-hour care where family shelter care is not available nor appropriate;

**(c)** Treatment planning for a child apart from his/her family.

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#### **LENGTH OF STAY CONSTRAINTS**

**413-080-030** Planning for children in shelter care shall receive top priority. A child shall not remain in shelter care longer than necessary as determined by the branch, and shall not exceed the maximum time frame listed below:

**(1) Family Shelter Care.** When emergency family shelter care placements are made, the provider will be paid at the established family shelter care payment rate not to exceed 14 days.

**(2) Professional Shelter Care.** The maximum length of stay in a professional shelter care center will be 56 days unless the Branch Manager or designee approves an exception.

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