


1730 FOSTER HOME CAPACITY	
Chapter: Foster Care Providers	Section: Licensing
	New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families Policy Manual Policy Directive: 02-13 Approved: Effective Date: September 30, 2002 Scheduled Review Date:
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Related Statute(s): RSA 169-C , and RSA 170-E Related Admin Rule(s): He-C 6446 Related Federal Regulation(s):	Related Form(s): FORM 2106 and FORM 2367 Bridges' Screen(s) and Attachment(s):

Purpose

To establish and clarify the maximum number of children under the age of 21 to be cared for in a foster family setting, in accordance with the Foster Family Care Licensing Requirements, He-C 6446.

Policy

- I. A foster family home provides the least restrictive setting for children who are unable to remain in their own families or with relatives. See [ITEM 1600, Placement Options](#).
- II. Two parent foster family homes are limited to the provision of care to no more than 6 children including the birth, adopted, foster, or other children who claim the home as their residence or who are residing in the home on a regular 24-hour basis.
- III. Single parent foster family homes are limited to the care of no more than 4 children including the family's birth, adopted, foster, or other children residing in the home on a regular 24 hour a day basis.
- IV. The number of children placed in foster homes at any one time must reflect the number in emergency, general, specialized, or respite care and may not exceed a total of 6 children including the family's birth, adopted, foster, or other children.
- V. The Supervisor of the District Office that licensed the home must approve the placement of a child in a home outside the District Office's catchment area.

Procedures

- I. The Foster Care Worker must:
 - A. Complete the "Foster Family Care Worksheet" (Form 2367). In #3, number of children, enter the total number of children in care in the home. In #4 "other", enter the total number of other children who reside in the home on a full time, regular basis.
 - B. Complete Form 2106, the "Provider Enrollment/Change", with the number of foster home beds in the maximum capacity field. Enter the number of females and the number of males.