1730 FOSTER HOME CAPACITY

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.