

Alternative Compliance Requests

Common Minimum Licensing Standards for which Alternative Compliance is requested:

104 Central Registry & Criminal Record Checks

4. Any person found to have a record of child maltreatment shall be reviewed by the owner or administrator of the agency, in consultation with the Child Welfare Agency Review Board or its designee, to determine corrective action. Corrective action may include, but is not limited to, counseling, training, probationary employment, non-selection for employment, or termination.

12. No person guilty of an excluded criminal offense pursuant to ACA§9-28-409(e)(1) shall be permitted to have direct and unsupervised contact with children, except as provided in the statute.

208 Approval of Foster Homes

4. The agency shall ensure that the foster parents receive at least 10 hours of pre-service training (excluding CPR and First Aid) before placing a child in the home. (Note: all DCFS approved foster homes must complete 30 hours of pre-service training—27 hours of PRIDE & 3 hours DCFS orientation).

5. In addition to the required hours of pre-service training, the foster parent(s) shall have current CPR and First Aid training. A foster home shall not have a child placed in their care until they have received the CPR and First Aid training.

209 Foster Parent Qualifications

1. In a two-parent home, both shall be joint applicants, each sign the application, and participate in the approval process.

210 Physical Requirements of the Home

3. The foster home shall have a continuous supply of sanitary drinking water. If the source is not a municipal water system, the water must be tested and approved by the Arkansas Department of Health annually. This approval shall be kept in the foster home case record.

9. The home shall have at least two (2) exterior doors situated to provide safe exit or the home shall have a written statement from the Fire Department that the alternative escape route is approved. This approval shall be kept in the foster home case record.

211 Sleeping Arrangements

The home shall provide bedrooms for children that meet the following requirements:

1. Each bedroom shall have at least fifty (50) square feet of floor space per occupant.
2. Each bedroom used for foster children shall have a window to the outside which is capable of serving as an emergency escape.
4. No more than four (4) children shall share a bedroom.
6. Children of the opposite sex shall not share the same bedroom if either child is four (4) years old or older, except for a mother in foster care with her child.
7. No children shall share a bed if either child is four (4) years old or older.
9. Foster children, except infants under age two (2) years, shall not share a sleeping room with adults; this age would increase to age four (4) in case of a grandparent to the child.

212 Transportation

1. Foster families shall have their own transportation available.

214 Selection of Foster Home

6. Foster homes shall not have more than two (2) children under the age of two (2) years, including the foster parent's own children.