



SUBSTITUTE CHILDCARE/RESPITE RULE OF COLORADO

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"Substitute care in the family foster care home occurs when foster parents are unable to provide supervision and care. The foster parents shall arrange for a qualified substitute provider who is familiar with the State rules and with the foster children in care to provide temporary supervision and care to the foster children in that child(ren)s identified foster family's home. *(AKA your home, not anyone else's home- unless they are an actively licensed foster home. The reason for this is because a HOME is licensed as a foster home, not the foster parents alone.)*

If in care for up to 6 hours (6 or less hours) it is preferable that the provider of substitute care be at least 16yrs old. Exceptions based on age and maturity can be made with the concurrence of the foster parent and the certifying authority (Agency), but in no case should the substitute care provider be less than 14years of age.

If care is provided for more than 6 hours (or is less than 6hrs but on an ongoing/regular basis), including overnight care, the substitute caregiver must be:

- At least 18 years of age
- Certified in CPR/First Aid
- Take the Prudent Parenting Training from the State *(this is new, anyone who has been fingerprinted must take it)*
- Completed the following background checks (which are collected through fingerprinting):
 - CBI
 - FBI
 - Trails
 - National Sex Offender
 - Colorado Sex Offender

-Respite care for a foster chil(ren) in a certified foster home other than the foster child(ren)'s identified foster home... shall occur for short term temporary relief of the foster parents for not more than 7 consecutive days per month, not to exceed 28 days in a calendar year. *To exceed that time, a temporary/short-term placement change would need to occur OR* Exceptions can be made to the state though the process of filing an appeal to this rule and bringing it to the state's appeal panel, providing them the chance to approve or deny it.
(Maple Star is currently working with the state on clarifying a difference between child care and respite so as to not have this be an issue for "while a foster parent is at work" situations).

Documents Maple Star Needs For Respite Providers

Initial Documents:

1. Agreement to Provide Respite
2. Affidavit
3. Character Commitment
4. Children's Rights Policy
5. Confidentiality Statement
6. Discipline Policy
7. Mandatory Reporting Agreement
8. Youth Supervision Policy

To Run Background Checks:

9. Fingerprint Cards
10. Facility Request for Background Investigation: BIU Form
11. Release of Information
12. Authorization to Release Info From State
13. Proof of CPR/First Aid Certification

If They Will Be Regularly Transporting Children:

14. Copy of Drivers License
15. Car Insurance
16. Car Registration