

5101:2-42-65

Agency visits and contacts with children in substitute care.

(A) The public children services agency (PCSA) or private child placing agency (PCPA) holding custody of a child who is placed in a substitute care setting shall comply with the provisions set forth in this rule regarding agency visits and contacts with the child and the substitute caregivers to discuss and assess the adjustment of the child during placement and to determine the need for continued substitute care placement pursuant to rule 5101:2-42-68 of the Administrative Code.

(B) For a child placed in a relative or non-relative approved home pursuant to rule 5101:2-42-18 of the Administrative Code or a foster home or group home certified in Ohio, the PCSA or PCPA shall:

(1) Conduct at least one face-to-face visit with the child and substitute caregiver within the substitute care setting during the first week of placement, not including the first day of placement.

(2) Conduct at least one face-to-face visit with the child and the substitute caregiver within the substitute care setting during the first four weeks of placement, not including the visit during the first week of placement.

(3) Conduct at least one face-to-face visit with the child and the substitute caregiver monthly with at least one of the visits occurring in the substitute care setting within each six- month period.

(4) In a foster home which has two or more foster caregivers on the certificate, assure that each foster caregiver receives at least one of the face-to-face visits referenced in paragraphs (B)(1) to (B)(3) of this rule in each two- month period.

(C) For a child placed in a treatment or medically fragile foster home certified in Ohio in which the foster caregiver is providing care for a child for whom a special, exceptional, or intensive needs difficulty of care payment is made pursuant to rule 5101:2-47-21 of the Administrative Code, the PCSA or PCPA shall:

(1) Conduct at least one face-to-face visit with the child and substitute caregiver within the substitute care setting during the first week of placement, not including the first day of placement.

(2) Contact the caregiver at least once each week to monitor the child's progress.

(3) Conduct face-to-face visits with the caregiver and child at least once every two weeks with at least one of the visits occurring in the treatment or medically fragile foster home each month.

(4) In a foster home which has two or more foster caregivers on the certificate, assure that each foster caregiver receives at least one of the face-to-face visits referenced in paragraphs (C)(1) to (C)(3) of this rule in each two- month

period.

(D) For a child placed in a children's residential center (CRC) certified in Ohio, the PCSA or PCPA shall:

- (1) Contact the CRC within ten days of placement.
- (2) Conduct face-to-face visits with the child at least every other month, with at least one visit in each six- month period occurring in the CRC.

(E) For a child who is sixteen years of age or older and placed in an independent living arrangement certified in Ohio in which he is fully responsible for his individual living environment, the PCSA or PCPA shall:

- (1) Conduct a face-to-face visit with the child in the living environment within seven days of placement.
- (2) Conduct monthly face-to-face visits with the child with at least two visits in each six- month period occurring in the living environment.

(F) For a child who is placed through the "Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children" into a substitute care setting outside of Ohio, the PCSA or PCPA shall:

- (1) Request the out-of-state children services agency (CSA) to provide needed supervision and services to the child as identified in the child's case plan. Supervisory reports shall be requested no less than quarterly.
- (2) Contact the substitute care placement setting within ten days of the child's placement and at least every other month thereafter.
- (3) At least once every six months, conduct a face-to-face visit with the child. The PCSA or PCPA may request the supervising CSA in the other state to conduct this visit.

(G) Notes or reports regarding PCSA, PCPA, and CSA contacts and visits shall be maintained in the case record.

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