5101:2-7-16 **Additional requirements for a treatment foster caregiver and a treatment foster home.**

In addition to the requirements found in rules 5101:2-7-02 to 5101:2-7-15 of the Administrative Code, a treatment foster home shall meet the following requirements:

(A) A treatment foster caregiver initially certified after the effective date of this rule shall have at least two years of experience as a certified foster caregiver or the equivalent child care experience, education or training as determined by the recommending agency. This requirement shall not apply to a foster caregiver certified prior to ~~the effective date of this rule~~ January 1, 2003.

(B) Training requirements for a treatment foster caregiver.

(1) Each treatment foster caregiver shall successfully complete the number of hours of preplacement and ~~annual~~ continuing training specified in the recommending agency's training policy required pursuant to rule 5101:2-5-13 of the Administrative Code. No fewer than thirty-six hours of preplacement training and no fewer than ~~thirty~~ sixty hours of continuing ~~annual~~ training during each two year certification period is required for each treatment foster caregiver. A waiver for some continuing training requirements may be approved by a recommending agency if the conditions of paragraph (H) of rule 5101:2-5-33 of the Administrative Code are met. All preplacement and ~~annual~~ continuing training received by a treatment foster caregiver shall be subject to the requirements specified in paragraphs (C)(7) and (C)(8) of rule 5101:2-5-33 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Prior to receiving a child in placement, each treatment foster caregiver shall successfully complete an American red cross or American heart association first aid and adult and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification training program or ~~its~~ the equivalent. If foster children under the age of three will be placed in the treatment foster home, infant CPR shall be included in the CPR certification. This training may be counted towards the training required by paragraphs (C)(7) and (C)(8) of rule 5101:2-5-33 of the Administrative Code. First aid and CPR certification shall be kept current at all times.

(C) Each treatment foster caregiver is a member of the treatment team and shall implement the service plan for each child as prescribed by the recommending agency.

(D) Occupancy limitations for a treatment foster home.

(1) With the exception of the provisions of paragraph (D)(2) of this rule, a

treatment foster caregiver may provide foster care for not more than five foster children, two of whom have exceptional needs requiring their placement in a treatment foster home. Any exceptions to the number of children with exceptional needs to be served, must have specific justification in accordance with the agency's policy for matching foster children and treatment foster caregivers pursuant to rule 5101:2-5-13 of the Administrative Code. Such justification, which may include the need to place a sibling group, or the abilities of a particular family in relation to the special or exceptional needs of a particular child, shall be documented in the child's case record and in the treatment foster home record. If more than two children with exceptional needs are placed in a treatment foster home, all agencies holding custody of any other children placed in the home shall be notified by the treatment foster care program within seventy-two hours of placement.

(2) A treatment foster caregiver who is also an appropriately trained and licensed professional such as a social worker, professional counselor, psychologist or teacher, or who has a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a child development or social services field and five years of child care experience and training related to serving children in foster care, and whose primary means of support is from reimbursement as a treatment foster caregiver may provide care for not more than five children with special or exceptional needs placed in the caregiver's home.

(3) Children placed in a foster home on ~~the effective date of this rule~~ or prior to March 31, 2005 shall not be moved to another placement solely to meet ~~this requirement~~ the requirements of paragraphs (D)(1) or (D)(2) of this rule.

(E) A treatment foster caregiver or at least one member of a treatment foster caregiver couple or co-parent shall have weekly consultation and face-to-face contact at least every two weeks with the recommending agency's professional treatment staff. At least one of the face-to-face contacts each month shall be in the treatment foster home.

(F) A treatment foster caregiver shall prepare, and keep current, a written record of the behavior and progress of the child towards achieving the treatment goals as identified in the service plan of each foster child placed in the home as required by the agency.

(G) Under the direction of the treatment team leader, a treatment foster caregiver shall assume primary responsibility for implementing the in-home treatment strategies specified in the child's service plan and any revisions thereto.

(H) A treatment foster caregiver shall work cooperatively with the family of the child

according to the child's service plan and case plan.

(I) A treatment foster caregiver shall perform any additional written responsibilities and duties established by the recommending agency for a treatment foster caregiver.

(J) A treatment foster caregiver shall attend and participate in the treatment team meetings for each child placed in his home. If the treatment foster home certificate is in the name of a couple or co-parents, only one caregiver is required to attend the treatment team meetings unless otherwise specified by the recommending agency.

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