

5101:2-9-28 **Bedrooms.**

- (A) All bedrooms contained within a children's residential center (CRC) shall have seventy-four square feet for the initial occupant and an additional fifty square feet for each additional occupant, and a ceiling height at least seven feet, six inches.
- (B) Bedrooms in a CRC or group home shall be used to sleep children of the same sex.
- (C) No bedroom in a residential facility, constructed or put into use after January 1, 1991 shall be used to sleep more than four children.
- (D) A residential facility shall not permit non-ambulatory children to sleep above the entry level of a building, unless the facility is specifically approved for such children by the state fire marshal or a local certified fire safety inspector.
- (E) Each bedroom in a residential facility shall have at least one outside wall window. The window shall be screened and capable of opening and closing, unless the room is provided with a ventilation system which provides a regular change of fresh air.
- (F) Each CRC utilizing live-in child care staff shall provide such staff with separate sleeping space and bathroom facilities.
- (G) Each group home or residential parenting facility utilizing live-in child care staff shall provide such staff with separate sleeping space.
- (H) Bedrooms in a residential facility shall be situated so as to allow direct access for occupants without the necessity to pass through another bedroom or bathroom to access their bedroom.
- (I) All bedrooms in a residential facility shall have a standard door.
- (J) Each bedroom in a residential facility shall have one bed for each child assigned to the bedroom. Beds shall not be less than thirty inches wide and not less than five feet in length and appropriate to the child's size. Each bed shall have a clean and comfortable mattress. A child's bed shall not be used by another child when the child is temporarily away from the facility.
- (K) Each child in a residential facility shall be provided with clean sheets, pillowcases, a pillow, and blankets.
- (L) Sheets and pillowcases shall be changed and laundered at least weekly or more frequently if needed. Water-proof mattress coverings shall be provided to a child as

needed.

- (M) All bunk beds in use in a CRC or group home shall be equipped with safety rails on the upper tier for a child under the age of ten, or for any child whose physical, mental, or emotional condition indicates the need for such protection. No beds shall be bunked higher than two tiers. Bunk beds shall not be used in a residential parenting facility.
- (N) Each child in a residential facility shall be provided with storage space for clothing and personal items in the bedroom to which the child is assigned. Each teenage mother in a residential parenting facility shall be provided with storage space for herself, and for her child's clothing, in her bedroom.
- (O) Each child in a residential facility shall be provided with closet or wardrobe space in their bedroom for hanging clothes. Each teenage mother in a residential parenting facility shall be provided with closet or wardrobe space in her bedroom for hanging clothes for herself and her child.
- (P) In a residential parenting facility, no teenage mother and her child shall share a bedroom with another teenage mother and her child.
- (Q) In a residential parenting facility, each teenage mother shall have a bed of her own and shall not be permitted to sleep with her child in the same bed on a regular basis.
- (R) Each infant, toddler or preschool age child shall have an age appropriate bed. A bassinet shall be used only for infants under three months of age or less than fifteen pounds in weight. An infant or toddler under thirty-five inches in height shall be provided with a full sized crib which meets the following requirements.
 - (1) Crib slats shall be no more than two and three-eighths inches apart.
 - (2) Decorative cutout areas on crib end panels which could entrap the head of a child shall not be used.
 - (3) Locks and latches on the drop-side of a crib must be safe and secure from accidental release or release by the infant or toddler inside the crib.
 - (4) Each crib shall have a firm mattress which is at least one and one-half inches thick and covered with a waterproof material. The mattress must fit snugly enough in the frame so that there is no more than a one inch gap between the mattress and the sides of the crib.

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