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POLICY

Application

This procedure shall apply to the foster care program and services of The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness.

1.0   The following definitions are as established by Rule 400.12101:

1.1   "Act" means Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1973, as amended, being §722.111 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and known as the childcare organization licensing act.

1.2   "Agency" means a child-placing agency as defined in Section 1 of the act.

1.3   "Contribution" means the payment of money or donation of goods or services.

1.4   "Department" means the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

1.5   "Emergency Placement" means a placement that is made in response to a sudden unexpected occurrence which demands immediate action or means a placement that is made before a placement assessment has been completed.

1.6   "Foster Care Worker" see Social Service Worker.

1.7   "Foster Care Supervisor" see Social Service Supervisor.

1.8   "Foster Parent" means the person or persons to whom a foster home license is issued.

1.9   "Foster Child" means a person who meets all of the following criteria:
- Resides in a foster home.
- Is less than 18 years of age or becomes 18 years of age while residing in the foster home and continues to reside in the foster home to receive care, maintenance, training and supervision.
- Is not related to an adult member of the household by blood, adoption, or marriage.
- Has been placed in the home by an agency.

1.10   "Infant" means a child between birth and 12 months of age.

1.11   "Foster Home" means foster family home or foster family group home, as defined in Section 1 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1973, as amended, being §722.111 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and as addressed in Act No. 165 of the Public Acts of 1997, being §722.111 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and as addressed in Act No. 165 of the

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Public Acts of 1997, being §722.118b of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Children in foster homes are given care and supervision for 24 hours a day, for 4 or more days a week, for 2 or more consecutive weeks, unattended by a parent or legal guardian.

1.12 "Human Behavioral Science" means a degree from an accredited college or university equivalent to any of the following:
- Social Work
- Psychology
- Guidance and Counseling
- Consumer or Community Services
- Criminal Justice
- Family Ecology
- Sociology

1.13 "Independent Living" means the placement, by an agency, of a youth who is not less than 16 years old in his or her own unlicensed residence, the residence of an adult who does not have supervisory responsibility for the youth, or in a residence under the control of the agency. The authorized agency or governmental unit retains supervisory responsibility for the youth.

1.14 "Licensing Authority" means the administrative unit of the department that has responsibility for making licensing and approval recommendations for a child placing agency.

1.15 "Member of the Household" means any person, other than a foster child, who resides in a foster or adoptive home on an ongoing or recurrent basis. Qualification for membership in a household licensed by The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness shall broadly be defined by regular and significant presence in the home of the foster family and similar contact of the person in question with established members of the household, including foster children.

1.16 "Parent" means a legal parent and includes a custodial parent, non-custodial parent, or adoptive parent.

1.17 "Permanent Placement" means that the treatment plan specifies that the foster child will remain in the current foster home until the age of majority.

1.18 "Placement" means moving a child to a foster or adoptive home, to independent living, or from out-of-home placement to another out-of-home placement.

1.19 "Social Service Supervisor" means a person who supervises a social service worker. A social service supervisor may also function as a social

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       service worker in the temporary absence of the social service worker (a.k.a. Foster Care Supervisor).

1.20 "Social Service Worker" means a person who performs social services functions covered by the rules (a.k.a. Foster Care Worker).

1.21 "Staff" means a person who is employed by an agency, a volunteer for the agency, or a person who is under contract to the agency to provide specific services covered by these rules.

1.22 "Substantial Noncompliance" means repeated violation of the act or an administrative rule promulgated under the act, or noncompliance with the act, a rule promulgated under the act, or the terms of a license that jeopardizes the health, safety, care, treatment, maintenance, or supervision of individuals receiving services or, in the case of an applicant, individuals who may receive services.

1.23 "Substitute care" means care that is provided to a foster child when the foster parent is not present.

1.24 "Willful Noncompliance" means that after receiving a copy of the act, the rules promulgated under the act, and a copy of terms of the license if applicable, an applicant or licensee knows or had reason to know that his or her conduct is a violation of the act, the rules promulgated under the act, or the terms of the license.

References

Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1973, as amended

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