



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
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POST
–NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING –
DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
WORKSHOP ON REGULATION CHANGES FOR FOSTER HOMES FOR CHILDREN

DATE:	June 14, 2017
TIME:	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm (or until adjourned)
NORTHERN LOCATION:	<u>CARSON CITY:</u> Tourism and Cultural Affairs (Laxalt Building) • 2 nd Floor Chambers 401 N. Carson Street • Carson City, Nevada 89701
SOUTHERN LOCATION:	<u>LAS VEGAS:</u> Grant Sawyer Building • Governor’s Conference Room, Ste. 5100 555 East Washington Avenue • Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

- The meeting will not commence until on or after the designated start time. The meeting will be adjourned after all scheduled agenda items have been addressed, which may be before or after the estimated end time.
- The meeting time frames for individual items are estimated in order to provide reasonable guidelines for public attendees who wish to hear about certain topics, but may not be able to attend the entire meeting. These times are not guaranteed unless designated as time-certain on the agenda.
- **Agenda items may be taken out of order** at the discretion of the facilitator in order to accommodate persons appearing at the workshop and/or to aid in the time efficiency of the meeting.
- **Items may be combined for consideration** by the Agency. **Items may be delayed or removed from the agenda at any time.**
- If members of the public participate in the meeting, they must identify themselves when requested under agenda item one.
- **Public comment is welcomed by the Agency but may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the facilitator.**
- **Written comment** submissions must be received by the Division of Child and Family Services on or before **June 9, 2017**. Written submissions may be emailed to dpomin@dcs.nv.gov or mailed to the Division of Child and Family Services, Attn: Dorothy Pomin; 4126 Technology Way, 3rd FLR; Carson City, NV 89706
- NAC 424 support materials for this meeting may be accessed on the Division of Child and Family Services Website at www.dcs.state.nv.us under the “Important Links” heading on the right-hand side of the webpage. The small business impact statement can also be found here on the website 15 day prior to the public workshop.
- Public comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint. Public comment is for discussion only, and action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting, per NRS 241.020.
- **Action items are noted by the phrase “for possible action”** and typically include review, approval, denial, and/or postponement of specific items. Certain items may be referred to a subcommittee for additional review and action.
- **The Agency is pleased to provide reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled** and require special arrangements or assistance at the meeting. If assistance is required, please notify staff by phone or by e-mail no later than three working days prior to the meeting: BettyJo Heaton • Tel: 775.684-7294 • email: BHeaton@dcs.nv.gov

PURPOSE

DCFS is proposing the adoption of regulations pertaining to Chapter 424 of the Nevada Administrative Code, foster homes for children. The purpose of the workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics that may be addressed in the proposed regulations.

Summary of changes:

A REGULATION relating to foster care for children; revising requirements relating to:

- updates per mandatory regulation review to comport with statute, current practice standards and norms;
- procedures and requirements for licensure of foster homes and prescribed rules for regulation of foster homes;
- establishes and defines the reasonable and prudent parent standard as required by federal law;
- authorizes a foster parent or a designated caregiver to allow a child to participate in appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, cultural and social activities; if the foster parent or caregiver makes an informed decision to do so using the reasonable and prudent parent standard;
- requires the foster parent or designated caregiver to attend training in how to use and apply the reasonable and prudent parent standard;
- further clarifies the obligation of a foster parent, other foster caregiver, staff or volunteer of their mandatory requirement to report child abuse and neglect per NRS432B.220;
- changes pre-licensure, during licensure; and provision governing revocation or denial of licensure;
- requirement that a foster parent or other member of the household or facility may be required to have a substance abuse evaluation or drug screen under certain circumstances;
- requirement to immediately document medications given to a foster child and keep the medication information sheets provided by the pharmacy for the child's record;
- requirements concerning the storage of adult products and weapons in a foster home;
- requires a foster child's birth parent to be consulted, when applicable, before any significant changes are made to a child's appearance;
- requires that when a child discharges from a foster home, that the child be allowed to take all personal possessions they have acquired before or while residing in the foster home;
- making various other changes concerning the licensure and operation of foster homes; and
- providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AGENDA

Estimated Time:	Items:	Facilitator:
1:30 pm – 1:40 pm	1. Call to order, introductions	Dorothy Pomin
1:40 pm – 2:50 pm	2. <u>Initial</u> public comment	Dorothy Pomin
2:50 pm – 3:00 pm	3. For possible action: Solicitation of comments from interested persons on the requirement included in the proposed changes to state regulation for Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 424. Changes will be reviewed within the existing sections of the Legislative Counsel Bureau R129-16 document reflecting proposed changes to the NAC 424. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sections 1 – 15 • Sections 16 – 30 • Sections 31 – 45 • Sections 46 – 60 • Sections 61 – 71; • Text of Repealed Sections 	Dorothy Pomin
2:50 pm – 3:00 pm	4. <u>Final</u> public comment	Dorothy Pomin
	5. Review follow-up public hearing date and set topics as needed	Dorothy Pomin
	6. Adjournment	Dorothy Pomin

Public notices for this meeting have been posted in compliance with NRS 241.020 and NRS 233B.061 at the following locations:

- Nevada State Library: 100 N. Stewart St. Carson City, NV 89701
- Carson City Library: 900 N. Roop St. Carson City, NV 89701
- Churchill County Library: 553 So. Maine St. Fallon NV 89406
- Clark County Library: 1401 E. Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89119
- Douglas County Public Library: 1625 Library Lane, Minden, NV 89423
- Elko County Library: 720 Court St. Elko, 89081
- Esmeralda County Library; Silverpeak Library 10 Montezuma St. Silverpeak, NV 89407
- Humboldt County Library; 85 East 5Th St. Winnemucca, NV 89445
- Lincoln County Library; 63 Main St. Pioche, NV 89043
- Lyon County Library; 20 Nevin Way, Yerington, NV 89447
- Mineral County Library; 110 First St. Hawthorne, NV 89415
- Tonopah Public Library: 167 So. Central St. Tonopah, NV 89409
- Pershing County Library: 1125 Central Ave. Lovelock NV 89419
- Storey County Library: 95 R. St. Virginia City, NV 89440
- Washoe County Library: 301 S. Center St. Reno, NV 89501
- White Pine County Library: 950 Compton St. Ely, NV 89301
- State of Nevada: Nevada Public Notices Website – www.nv.gov
- Legislative Counsel Bureau: 401 S. Carson Street, Carson City, NV <http://leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>
- State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS): Website – www.dcfs.nv.gov
- State of Nevada DCFS: 6171 W Charleston Blvd. Bldg. #8, Las Vegas, NV
- State of Nevada DCFS: 4126 Technology Wy. Carson City, NV
- State of Nevada DCFS Carson City District Office: 2533 N. Carson St. Carson City, NV 89706
- State of Nevada DCFS Fallon District Office: 1735 Kaiser St. Fallon, NV 89406
- State of Nevada DCFS Elko District Office: 1010 Ruby Vista Dr. Ste. 101, Elko, NV 89801
- State of Nevada DCFS Winnemucca District Office: 475 W. Haskell St. Winnemucca, NV 89445
- State of Nevada DCFS Pahrump District Office: 1780 E. Basin Ave., Ste. 2. Pahrump, NV 89060
- State of Nevada DCFS Ely District Office: 740 Park Ave. Ely, NV 89301
- State of Nevada DCFS Tonopah District Office: #2 Frankee St. Tonopah, NV 89049
- Clark County Dept. of Family Services: 121 S. MLK Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89106
- Washoe County Dept. of Social Services: 350 S. Center Street, Reno, NV 89520