General Licensing Requirements

Amend Section 80017 to read:

80017 ~~APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS~~ 80017
NONDISCRIMINATION OF APPLICANTS

~~(a)~~ Any adult shall be permitted to apply for a license regardless of age, sex, race, religion, color, political affiliation, national origin, disability, marital status, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, HIV status, or ancestry.

Authority Cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 51, Civil Code; Section~~s~~ 1520 ~~and 1528~~, Health and Safety Code~~; and Section 51, Civil Code~~ Section 16013, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Small Family Homes

Amend Section 83017 to read:

83017 APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS 83017

~~(a) In addition to Section 80017, the following shall apply.~~

(~~b~~a) (Continued)

Authority Cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 1501, 1520, and 1531, Health and Safety Code.

Amend Section 83064 to read:

83064 LICENSEE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES 83064

~~(a) In addition to Section 80064 the following shall apply.~~

(~~b~~a) (Continued)

(1) through (9) (Continued)

(10) Unless restricted by the case plan adopted by the court or other court order, the licensee shall permit and facilitate connections between the child and the child's family and non-relative extended family members. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require a foster care provider to take any action that would impair the health and safety of children in out-of-home placement.

(~~c~~b) (Continued)

(~~d~~c) (Continued)

(~~e~~d) (Continued)

(e) The licensee shall ensure that caregivers meet initial and ongoing training requirements regarding the child's right to nondiscriminatory care as outlined below:

(1) Fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits.

(2) To not be subject to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.

Authority Cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 51, Civil Code; Sections 1501, 1529.1, 1529.2, 1530.91, ~~and~~ 1531, and 1562, Health and Safety Code; Sections 366.1, 366.21, and 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 83075 to read:

83075 HEALTH RELATED SERVICES (Continued) 83075

(f) Any time a child is in the home, ~~A~~at least one of the persons providing regular and routine direct care and supervision to ~~a~~ the child shall have received current training in ~~f~~First ~~a~~Aid and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Training shall be obtained from an agency offering such training including, but not limited to, the American Red Cross, and shall be appropriate to the child's age and needs.

(1) The caregiver shall complete first aid and CPR training in addition to training which increases understanding of, and skill in, caring for children.

(~~1~~2) The licensee shall maintain copies of ~~unexpired~~ current ~~f~~First ~~a~~Aid and CPR certificates ~~documenting the training required in Section 83075(f)~~.

Authority Cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1501, 1507, 1530.6, and 1531, Health and Safety Code~~; and Business and Professions Code Section 2727(a)~~.

Group Homes

Amend Section 84065 to read:

84065 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (Continued) 84065

(i) (Continued)

(3) Training shall include, at a minimum, all of the following topics ~~listed in (A) through (R) below~~. The licensee shall determine how much time is spent on each topic, and shall ensure that child care staff have appropriate skills necessary to supervise the children in care. (Continued)

(S) The child's right to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status. (Continued)

(j) (Continued)

(3) Training may include but is not limited to, the following topics: (Continued)

(O) Topics listed in Sections 84065(i)(3)(A) through (~~R~~S). (Continued)

Authority Cited: Section 1522.41(j) and 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 51, Civil Code; Sections 1501, 1522.4, ~~1522.41,~~ 1531, and 1562, Health and Safety Code; Section 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 84068.2 to read:

84068.2 NEEDS AND SERVICES PLAN (Continued) 84068.2

(e) Unless restricted by the case plan adopted by the court or other court order, the licensee shall permit and facilitate connections between the child and the child's family and non-relative extended family members. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require a foster care provider to take any action that would impair the health and safety of children in out-of-home placement.

Authority Cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1501 and 1531, Health and Safety Code; Sections 366.1, 366.21, and 16001.9 Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 84090 to read:

84090 INITIAL CERTIFICATION TRAINING PROGRAM APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS (Continued) 84090

(h) The initial Certification Training Program shall consist of the following components:

(1) A minimum of forty (40) classroom hours on a uniform Core of Knowledge with the following basic curriculum: (Continued)

(H) Six (6) hours of instruction on admission, retention, and assessment procedures, and nondiscrimination policies, including the child's right to fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.(Continued)

Authority Cited: Sections 1522.41(j) and 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1, 2, and 5 of Assembly Bill (AB) 458 (Chapter 331, Statutes of 2003); Sections 1501, 1522.41~~(c) and (h)~~, and 1531, Health and Safety Code; and Section 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Group Homes, Community Treatment Facilities

Amend Section 84165 to read:

84165 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (Continued) 84165

(f) (Continued)

(2) The on-the-job training and development program shall include training in the following areas: (Continued)

(C) Children's personal rights, including the child's right to fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.

(D) ~~d~~Due process rights~~,~~ and procedures for accessing ~~these~~ due process and personal rights.

(E) ~~and s~~Staff responsibilities.

(~~D~~F) (Continued)

Authority Cited: Section 1530 and 1530.9, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 51, Civil Code; Sections 1501, 1522.4, 1531, and 1562, Health and Safety Code; Section 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Group Homes, Care for Children Under the Age of Six Years

Amend Section 84265 to read:

84265 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (Continued) 84265

(j) Training for all staff shall address the child's right to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.

(~~j~~k) (Continued)

(~~k~~l) (Continued)

(~~l~~m) (Continued)

Authority Cited: Section 1530 ~~and 1531~~, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 51, Civil Code; Sections 1530.8, 1531, 1562, and 1596.866, Health and Safety Code; ~~and~~ Sections 11467.1 and 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Transitional Housing Placement Program

Amend Section 86065 to read:

86065 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS 86065

(a) (Continued)

(3) Training for all personnel shall address the child's right to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.

(~~3~~4) (Continued)

(~~4~~5) (Continued)

(~~5~~6) (Continued)

Authority Cited: Sections 1530 and 1559.110, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 51, Civil Code; Sections 1501, 1506, 1531, and 1559.115, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 16001.9, and 16522.1, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 86068.2 to read:

86068.2 NEEDS AND SERVICES AND TRANSITIONAL INDEPENDENT LIVING PLAN (TILP) (Continued) 86068.2

(e) Unless restricted by the case plan adopted by the court or other court order, connections between the participant and the participant's family and non-relative extended family members shall be permitted. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require a foster care provider to take any action that would impair the health and safety of children in out-of-home placement.

Authority Cited: Sections 1530 and 1559.110, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1501, 1507, 1531, and 1559.110, Health and Safety Code; Sections 366.1, 366.21, 16001.9, and 16522.1, Welfare and Institutions Code; and Title 42 USC Section 675 and 677 of the Social Security Act.

Crisis Nurseries

Amend Section 86517 to read:

86517 NONDISCRIMINATION OF APPLICANTS 86517

Any adult shall be permitted to apply on the applicant's behalf for a license regardless of age, sex, race, religion, color, political affiliation, national origin, disability, marital status, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, HIV status, or ancestry.

Authority Cited: Section 1530 Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 51, Civil Code; Sections 1516, 1520, and 1530, Health and Safety Code; Section 16013, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Foster Family Agencies

Amend Section 88001 to read:

88001 DEFINITIONS (Continued) 88001

(a~~.~~) through (o~~.~~) (Continued)

(p~~.~~) (1) "Placement Hold" means a foster family agency stops placing children into a certified family home as a result of any of the following:

(A) Pending or substantiated violations of licensing regulations.

(B) Failure to meet the standards of the foster family agency.

(~~1~~2) "Private Foster Family Agency" (Continued)

(~~2~~3) "Public Foster Family Agency" (Continued)

(q~~.~~) through (z~~.~~) (Continued)

Authority Cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; Section 17730, Welfare and Institutions Code~~ and Section 1530, Health and Safety Code~~.

Reference: Sections 1502, 1506, 1506.7, 1530.5, and 1538, Health and Safety Code; Sections 17710(a), (g) and (i), 17731(c), and 17732(b), Welfare and Institutions Code ~~and Sections 1502, 1506, 1530, 1530.5 and 1538, Health and Safety Code~~.

Amend Section 88022 to read:

88022 PLAN OF OPERATION 88022

(a) In addition to Section 80022, excluding Sections 80022(b)(7) and (8), the plan of operation shall contain the following: (Continued)

(5) A written description of the foster family agency training plan including: (Continued)

(B) Initial and ongoing training of certified parent(s), shall ~~including~~ include training in child abuse identification, prevention, and treatment. The training plan shall also include training required by Health and Safety Code Section 1529.2.

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1. Health and Safety Code Section 1529.2 provides:

"(a) In addition to the foster parent training provided by community colleges, foster family agencies shall provide a program of training for their certified foster families.

"(b) (1) Every licensed foster parent shall complete a minimum of 12 hours of foster parent training, as prescribed in paragraph (3), before the placement of any foster children with the foster parent. In addition, a foster parent shall complete a minimum of twelve hours of foster parent training annually as prescribed in paragraph (4). No child shall be placed in a foster family home unless these requirements are met by the persons in the home who are serving as the foster parents.

"(2) (A) Upon the request of the foster parent for a hardship waiver from the postplacement training requirement or a request for an extension of the deadline, the county may, at its option, on a case-by-case basis, waive the postplacement training requirement or extend any established deadline for a period not to exceed one year, if the postplacement training requirement presents a severe and unavoidable obstacle to continuing as a foster parent. Obstacles for which a county may grant a hardship waiver or extension are:

(i) Lack of access to training due to the cost or travel required.

(ii) Family emergency.

(B) Before a waiver or extension may be granted, the foster parent should explore the opportunity of receiving training by video or written materials.

"(3) The initial preplacement training shall include, but not be limited to, training courses that cover all of the following:

(A) An overview of the child protective system.

(B) The effects of child abuse and neglect on child development.

(C) Positive discipline and the importance of self-esteem.

(D) Health issues in foster care.

(E) Accessing education and health services available to foster children.

(F) The right of a foster child to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.

"(4) The postplacement annual training shall include, but not be limited to, training courses that cover all of the following:

(A) Age-appropriate child development.

(B) Health issues in foster care.

(C) Positive discipline and the importance of self-esteem.

(D) Emancipation and independent living skills if a foster parent is caring for youth.

(E) The right of a foster child to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.

(F) The dependency court process and court participation by the foster children and foster parents.

(G) Permanency options for children in foster care and services and supports available to foster parents providing permanent placements for dependent children.

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(C) (Continued)

(D) Initial and ongoing training of foster family agency staff in the child's right to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.

(~~D~~E) (Continued)

Authority Cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 51, Civil Code; Sections 1506, 1506.7, 1520, and 1529.2, Health and Safety Code; Section 11174.1, Penal Code; ~~and Sections 1506 and 1520 , Health and Safety Code~~ Section 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Adopt Section 88031 to read:

88031 ~~NOTIFICATION~~ APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION 88031

(a) The foster family agency application for certification shall require an applicant to provide the following:

(1) Whether the applicant has been denied certification by a foster family agency and, if so, by which agency.

(2) Whether the applicant has been put on a placement hold by a county and, if so, by which county.

(3) Information required by Health and Safety Code Section 1506.7(a).

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(A) Health and Safety Code Section 1506.7(a) provides:

"A foster family agency shall require the owner or operator of a family home applying for certification to sign an application that shall contain, but not be limited to, the following information:

(1) Whether the applicant has been certified, and by which foster family agency.

(2) Whether the applicant has been decertified, and by which foster family agency.

(3) Whether a placement hold has been placed on the applicant by a foster family agency, and by which foster family agency.

(4) Whether the applicant has been a foster home licensed by a county or the state and, if so, by which county or state, or whether the applicant has been approved for relative placement by a county and, if so, by which county."

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(4) A declaration required by Health and Safety Code Section 1506.7(b)(2).

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(A) Health and Safety Code Section 1506.7(b)(2) provides in part:

"The application form signed by the owner or operator of the family home applying for certification shall be signed with a declaration by the applicant that the information submitted is true, correct, and contains no material omissions of fact to the best knowledge and belief of the applicant. Any person who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that he or she knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor…."

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(b) In its application, the foster family agency shall provide applicants with notice required by Health and Safety Code Section 1506.7(b)(1) and 1506.7(b)(2).

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(1) Health and Safety Code Section 1506.7(b)(1) provides:

"The application form signed by the owner or operator of the family home applying for certification shall contain notice to the applicant for certification that the foster family agency is required to check references of all foster family agencies that have previously certified the applicant and of all state or county licensing offices that have licensed the applicant as a foster parent, and that the signing of the application constitutes the authorization of the applicant for the foster family agency to conduct its check of references."

(2) Health and Safety Code Section 1506.7(b)(2) provides in part:

"…The application shall include a statement that submitting false information is a violation of law punishable by incarceration, a fine, or both incarceration and a fine."

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(c) Before certifying an applicant, the foster family agency shall make contacts and conduct a reference check as required by Health and Safety Code Section 1506.8, 1506.9(b), and 1536(c).

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(1) Health and Safety Code Section 1506.8 provides:

"Before certifying a family home, a foster family agency shall contact any foster family agencies by whom an applicant has previously been certified and any state or county licensing offices that have licensed the applicant as a foster parent, and shall conduct a reference check as to the applicant."

(2) Health and Safety Code Section 1506.9(b) provides:

"Neither the department, a foster family agency, or a county shall incur civil liability for providing a county or a foster family agency with information if the communication is for the purpose of aiding in the evaluation of an application for certification of a family home by a foster family agency or for licensure as a foster home or approval of a relative placement by a county or by the department."

(3) Health and Safety Code Section 1536(c) provides in part:

"…a foster family agency may request information from, or divulge information to, the department, a county, or a foster family agency, regarding a prospective certified parent, foster parent, or relative caregiver for the purpose of, and as necessary to, conduct a reference check to determine whether it is safe and appropriate to license, certify, or approve an applicant to be a certified parent, foster parent, or relative caregiver."

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Authority Cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1506.7, 1506.8, 1506.9, and 1536, Health and Safety Code.

Adopt Section 88054 in Article 7 to read:

88054 CIVIL PENALTIES 88054

(a) In addition to Section 80054, the following penalties shall apply:

(1) The department shall assess an immediate civil penalty of $50.00 when the agency fails to provide the department with a log of certified and decertified homes for any month by the tenth day of the following month. After each citation, the department shall assess a penalty of $50.00 per day for each citation until the date the agency provides the department with the log.

(2) The department shall assess an immediate civil penalty of $50.00 when the agency fails to notify the department within one business day that it has decertified a family home for any reason specified in Section 88061(h)(1). After each citation, the department shall assess a penalty of $50.00 per day for each citation until the date the agency notifies the department about the decertification.

(3) If the agency is cited for repeating the same violation within 12 months, the department shall additionally assess immediate civil penalties pursuant to Section 80054(d) or (e), in accordance with Health and Safety Code Sections 1548(c) and (d).

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(A) Health and Safety Code Section 1548(c) provides in part:

"… any facility that is cited for repeating the same violation of this chapter within 12 months of the first violation is subject to an immediate civil penalty of one hundred fifty dollars ($150) and fifty dollars ($50) for each day the violation continues until the deficiency is corrected."

(B) Health and Safety Code Section 1548(d) provides:

"Any facility that is assessed a civil penalty pursuant to subdivision (c) which repeats the same violation of this chapter within 12 months of the violation subject to subdivision (c) is subject to an immediate civil penalty of one hundred fifty dollars ($150) for each day the violation continues until the deficiency is corrected."

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Authority Cited: Sections 1530 and 1548(e), Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1536 and 1548, Health and Safety Code.

Amend Section 88065.3 to read:

88065.3 SOCIAL WORK PERSONNEL (Continued) 88065.3

(g) Social work personnel shall be responsible for the following: (Continued)

(5) Development and updating of the child's needs and services plan, including identifying individuals who are important to the child as required by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 366.1(g).

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(A) Welfare and Institutions Code Section 366.1(g) provides:

"Whether a child who is 10 years of age or older and who has been in an out-of-home placement for six months or longer has relationships with individuals other than the child's siblings that are important to the child, consistent with the child's best interests, and actions taken to maintain those relationships. The social worker shall ask every child who is 10 years of age or older and who has been in an out-of-home placement for six months or longer to identify any individuals other than the child's siblings who are important to the child, consistent with the child's best interest. The social worker may ask any other child to provide that information, as appropriate."

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(6) (Continued)

Authority Cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1506 and 1530, Health and Safety Code; Sections 366.1 and 366.21, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 88068.2 to read:

88068.2 NEEDS AND SERVICES PLAN 88068.2

(a) The needs and services plan shall identify the child's needs in the following areas: (Continued)

(e) Unless restricted by the case plan adopted by the court or other court order, the foster family agency, certified parent, and foster family home licensee shall permit and facilitate connections between the child and the child's family and non-relative extended family members. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require a foster care provider to take any action that would impair the health and safety of children in out-of-home placement.

Authority Cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1501, 1530, and 1531, Health and Safety Code; Sections 366.1 and 366.21, and 16001.9 Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 88069.7 to read:

88069.7 CONTENT OF CERTIFIED FAMILY HOME OR LICENSED FOSTER FAMILY HOME CASE RECORD (Continued) 88069.7

(b) Each certified family home or licensed foster family home case record shall include the following information on each home:

(1) A ~~face sheet or~~ copy of the completed application ~~form~~ that includes information required by Section 88031, Application for Certification.

(2) A ~~type~~ written record of the home study. (Continued)

Authority Cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1506.7, 1522, 1522.1, and 1531, Health and Safety Code.

Foster Family Homes

Adopt New Section 89317 and Title to read:

89317 NONDISCRIMINATION OF APPLICANTS 89317

Current Section 89317

~~(a)~~ Any adult shall be permitted to apply for a license or approval regardless of age, sex, race, religion, color, political affiliation, national origin, disability, marital status, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, HIV status, or ancestry.

Authority Cited: Section 21 of Assembly Bill (AB) 1695 (Chapter 653, Statutes of 2001); Sections 1530 and 1530.5, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 51, Civil Code; Sections 1501, 1501.1, 1507, 1507.2, 1507.5, 1520, 1525.3, 1526.5, 1531, and 1562, Health and Safety Code; Section 16013, Welfare and Institutions Code ~~and Section 51, Civil Code~~.

Renumber Current Section 89317 to 89318 and amend to read:

~~89317~~ 89318 APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS ~~89317~~ 89318

(~~b~~a) An applicant shall have the following qualifications: (Continued)

(~~c~~b) An applicant for a foster family home license shall complete an orientation provided by the licensing/approval agency.

Authority Cited: Sections 1530~~,~~ and 1530.5, ~~and 1531,~~ Health and Safety Code; and Section 21 of Assembly Bill (AB) 1695 (Chapter 653, Statutes of 2001).

Reference: Sections 1501, 1501.1, 1507, 1507.2, 1507.5, 1520, 1525.3, 1526.5, 1529.1, ~~1529.2, 1529.3,~~ 1530.91, ~~1531,~~ and 1562, Health and Safety Code; and Section 51, Civil Code.

Amend Section 89378 to read:

89378 RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING CARE AND SUPERVISION (Continued) 89378

(d) Unless restricted by the case plan adopted by the court or other court order, the caregiver shall permit and facilitate connections between the foster child and the foster child's family and non-relative extended family members. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require a foster care provider to take any action that would impair the health and safety of children in out-of-home placement.

Authority Cited: Sections 1530~~,~~ and 1530.5~~, and 1531,~~ Health and Safety Code; and Section 21 of Assembly Bill (AB) 1695 (Chapter 653, Statutes 2001).

Reference: ~~Section 11465, Welfare and Institutions Code; and~~ Sections 1501, 1520, 1530.6, 1531, and 1559.110, Health and Safety Code; ~~and 42 USC Section 677 of the Social Security Act.~~ Section 677, Title 42 United States Code; Sections 366.1, 366.21, and 11465, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 89405 to read:

89405 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS (Continued) 89405

(b) The caregiver is required to complete ~~a minimum of 12 hours of training prior to placement of a child in the home and a minimum of 8 hours of annual~~ training as ~~required~~ specified in Health and Safety Code Section 1529.2(b). In addition, the caregiver shall complete ~~f~~First ~~a~~Aid and CPR training as required in Section 89405(a).

(1) Courses, seminars, conferences or training topics that will be accepted by the licensing agency to fulfill the training requirements in Health and Safety Code Section 1529.2(b)(3) and (4) include but are not limited to:

(A) Child development

(B) Recognizing and/or dealing with learning disabilities

(C) Infant care and stimulation

(D) Parenting skills

(E) Complexities, demands and special needs of children in placement

(F) Building self-esteem, for the caregiver or the children

(G) Recordkeeping

(H) Caregiver rights and grievance process

(I) Licensing and placement regulations

(J) Rights and responsibilities of foster family home providers

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(~~1~~2) Health and Safety Code Sections 1529.2(b) and (c) provide:

~~"(a) In addition to the foster parent training provided pursuant to Section 903.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, foster family agencies shall supplement the community college training by providing a program of training for their certified foster families.~~

"(b) (1) Every licensed foster parent shall complete a minimum of 12 hours of foster parent training, as prescribed in paragraph (3), before the placement of any foster children with the foster parent. In addition, a foster parent shall complete a minimum of twelve

hours of foster parent training annually as prescribed in paragraph (4). No child shall be placed in a foster family home unless these requirements are met by the persons in the home who are serving as the foster parents.

"(2) (A) Upon the request of the foster parent for a hardship waiver from the postplacement training requirement or a request for an extension of the deadline, the county may, at its option, on a case-by-case basis, waive the postplacement training requirement or extend any established deadline for a period not to exceed one year, if the postplacement training requirement presents a severe and unavoidable obstacle to continuing as a foster parent. Obstacles for which a county may grant a hardship waiver or extension are:

"(i) Lack of access to training due to the cost or travel required.

" (ii) Family emergency.

"(B) Before a waiver or extension may be granted, the foster parent should explore the opportunity of receiving training by video or written materials.

"(3) The initial preplacement training shall include, but not be limited to, training courses that cover all of the following:

"(A) An overview of the child protective system.

" (B) The effects of child abuse and neglect on child development.

" (C) Positive discipline and the importance of self-esteem.

" (D) Health issues in foster care.

" (E) Accessing education and health services available to foster children.

" (F) <u>The right of a foster child to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.</u>

"(4) The postplacement annual training shall include, but not be limited to, training courses that cover all of the following:

" (A) Age-appropriate child development.

" (B) Health issues in foster care.

" (C) Positive discipline and the importance of self-esteem.

" (D) Emancipation and independent living skills if a foster parent is caring for youth.

" (E) The right of a foster child to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.

"(5) Foster parent training may be attained through a variety of sources, including community colleges, counties, hospitals, foster parent associations, the California State Foster Parent Association's Conference, adult schools, and certified foster parent instructors.

"(6) A candidate for placement of foster children shall submit a certificate of training to document completion of the training requirements. The certificate shall be submitted with the initial consideration for placements and provided at the time of the annual visit by the licensing agency thereafter.

"(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude a county from requiring county-provided preplacement or postplacement foster parent training in excess of the requirements in this section."

~~(b) The following are examples of course, seminar, conference or training topics which will be accepted by the licensing agency to meet the requirements in (a) above. Programs which can be shown to be similar will also be accepted.~~

~~(1) Child development~~

~~(2) Recognizing and/or dealing with learning disabilities~~

~~(3) Infant care and stimulation~~

~~(4) Parenting skills~~

~~(5) Complexities, demands and special needs of children in placement~~

~~(6) Building self-esteem, for the caregiver or the children~~

~~(7) Recordkeeping~~

~~(8) Caregiver rights and grievance process~~

~~(9) Licensing and placement regulations~~

~~(10) Rights and responsibilities of foster family home providers~~

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