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<p><b>1. DEFINITIONS</b></p> <p>A. “Applicant” – an individual(s) who has submitted an application and is seeking a license from the licensing agency as a family foster home.</p>					
<p>B. “Community standards” – local norms bounding acceptable conduct. For housing, the term means acceptable building standards based on the neighborhood and similar homes.</p>					
<p>C. “Corporal punishment” – any form of physical discipline in which a child is spanked, paddled or hit on any part of the body with a hand or instrument.</p>					
<p>D. “Family foster care” – continuous 24 - hour care and support services provided for a child in a family foster home.</p>					

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<p><b>E. “Family foster home” – a private home, including adjacent grounds belonging to the home, in which a child is placed for family foster care under the supervision of the licensing agency. This term includes a kinship, relative, and child-specific home.</b></p>					
<p><b>F. “Foster parent” – an individual who provides family foster care with a license from the licensing authority.</b></p>					
<p><b>G. “Functional literacy” – the ability to read and write at the level necessary to participate effectively in society.</b></p>					
<p><b>H. “Household member” – any relative or non- relative who regularly lives, shares common areas, and sleeps in a home. An individual who is living, sharing common areas, and sleeping in a home temporarily for more than two consecutive weeks is considered a household</b></p>					

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member.					
I. "License" – the approval, verification or certification of a home and applicant to provide family foster care.					
J. "Licensing agency" (also known as "agency") – the entity, either private or public, that has authority to consider and approve a family foster care license.					
K. "Licensing authority" – the governmental body responsible for carrying out licensing and regulatory functions, including monitoring compliance with applicable state laws and rules.					
L. "Relative" – an individual who is related by blood, marriage or adoption or who has a close family- like relationship to another individual. For American Indian and Alaska Native children "relative" could also include a tribally defined extended					

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family relationship.					
M. "Sibling" – brothers and sisters by birth or adoption, stepbrothers, stepsisters, half-brothers, and half-sisters.					
<p><b>2. <u>ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS</u></b></p> <p>A. All applicants must submit a complete application and accompanying documentation for a family foster home license, and keep copies in their home.</p>	<p><b>A. <u>FOSTER HOME ELIGIBILITY</u></b></p> <p>A family foster home license includes the following:</p> <p>a. Threshold Requirements:</p>				
B.1. To apply for a family foster home license: Applicants must be age 18 or older.	i. Applicants must be age 18 or older.				
5. Applicants must have income or resources to make timely payments for shelter, food, utility costs, clothing, and other household expenses prior to the addition of a child in foster care.	ii. Applicants must have income or resources to make timely payments for shelter, food, utility costs, clothing, and other household expenses prior to the addition of a child or children in foster care.				

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<p><b>2. Applicants must be able to communicate with the child in the child’s own language.</b></p> <p><b>3. Applicants must be able to communicate with the licensing agency and health care and other service providers.</b></p>	<p><b>iii. Applicants must be able to communicate with the child, the title IV-E agency, health care providers, and other service providers.</b></p>				
<p><b>4. At least one applicant in the home must have functional literacy, such as have the ability to read labels on medications in order to properly administer them.</b></p>	<p><b>iv. At least one applicant in the home must have functional literacy, such as having the ability to read medication labels.</b></p>				
<p><b>C. The agency must not deny to any individual the opportunity to become a foster parent on the basis of the race, color, or national origin of the individual, or of the child, as required by the federal Multiethnic Placement Act (MEPA), 42 U.S.C.A. sec. 1996b and Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C.A. sec. 671(18). MEPA also provides that this law</b></p>					

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<p>must not be construed to affect the application of the Indian Child Welfare Act, which contains preferences for the placement of eligible American Indian and Alaska Native children in foster care, guardianship, or adoptive homes. Furthermore, the agency must not discriminate with regard to the application or licensure of a foster family on the basis of age, disability, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status.</p>					
<p><b><u>3. PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH STANDARDS</u></b></p> <p>A. All applicants and household members must have physical exams from a licensed health care professional recognized by the agency. The exam results, which must be no older than 12 months prior to application, must indicate that the applicants are capable of</p>	<p>b. Physical and Mental Health: All applicants must have recent (conducted within the prior 12 months) physical exams from a licensed health care professional that indicate that the applicants are capable of caring for an additional child or children.</p> <p><i>Please note: No physicals required of household</i></p>				

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caring for an additional child. The agency may require further documentation and/or evaluation to make such a determination.	<i>members. Instead, health information on household members as required in b.ii.</i>				
C. Applicants and all household members must disclose any past or current mental health and/or substance abuse issues.	i. All household members must disclose current mental health and/or substance abuse issues.				
	ii. All household members must provide information on their physical and mental health history, including any history of drug or alcohol abuse or treatment.				
C. The agency may require further documentation and/or evaluation to determine the suitability of the home.	iii. The title IV-E agency may require further documentation and/or evaluation to determine the suitability of the home.				
B. All children who are household members must be up to date on immunizations jointly recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Advisory Committee on Immunization	iv. All children who are household members must be up to date on immunizations consistent with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics				

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<p>Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Academy of Family physicians, unless the immunization is contrary to the child's health as documented by a licensed health care professional.</p>	<p>(AAP), the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (ACIP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAPF), unless the immunization is contrary to the child's health as documented by a licensed health care professional.</p>				
	<p>v. All household members who will be caregivers of infants must have an up-to-date pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine consistent with the recommendations of the ACIP, unless the immunization is contrary to the individual's health as documented by a licensed health care professional. All household members who will be caregivers of infants and children with special medical needs must have an</p>				



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	<p>up-to-date annual influenza vaccine consistent with the recommendations of the ACIP, unless the immunization is contrary to the individual's health as documented by a licensed health care professional.</p>				
<p><b>10. CRIMANAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK STANDARDS</b></p> <p>A. Applicants and any other household members who are adults age 18 or older must submit to fingerprint- based checks of national and state crime information databases and checks of state or local crime information databases before the applicants may be approved for placement of a child.</p>	<p>c. Background Checks: i. Applicants must submit to criminal record and child abuse and neglect registry checks as required in section 471(a)(20) of the Social Security Act.</p>				
<p>B. The agency must also check sexual offender registries for mention of the applicants and any other household members who are adults age 18 or older.</p>					

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<p>C. If a record check reveals a felony conviction for child abuse or neglect, for spousal abuse, for a crime against children (including child pornography), or for a crime involving violence, including rape, sexual assault, or homicide, but not including other physical assault or battery, and a state finds that a court of competent jurisdiction has determined that the felony was committed at any time, approval for placement of a child must not be granted.</p>	<p><b>*Summary section (this is from §471(a)(20), the Adam Walsh Act)–</b> The state or tribe must not grant final approval to the applicant if a record check reveals a felony conviction for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child abuse or neglect;</li> <li>• Spousal neglect;</li> <li>• A crime against children; (including child pornography);</li> <li>• A crime involving violence, including rape, sexual assault, or homicide, but not including other physical assault or battery;</li> </ul>				
<p>D. If a record check reveals a felony conviction for physical assault, battery, or a drug-related offense, and a State finds that a court of competent jurisdiction has determined that the felony was committed within the past 5 years, approval for</p>	<p><b>*Summary section (this is from §471(a)(20), the Adam Walsh Act)–</b> – The state or tribe must not grant final approval to the applicant if a record check reveals a felony conviction for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical assault, battery,</li> </ul>				

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placement of a child must not be granted.	or a drug related offense within the last five years.				
E. If an applicant was convicted for a crime other than those included in C. and D., the applicant will not be automatically rejected as a foster parent. The agency must consider the following:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the type of crime;</li> <li>2. the number of crimes;</li> <li>3. the nature of the offenses;</li> <li>4. the age of the individual at the time of conviction;</li> <li>5. the length of time that has elapsed since the last conviction;</li> <li>6. the relationship of the crime and the capacity to care for children;</li> <li>7. evidence of rehabilitation;</li> <li>8. opinions of community members concerning the</li> </ol>					

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individual in question.					
<p><b>F. Applicants and all household members have an ongoing duty to report any juvenile offenses committed by any member of the household. The existence of a household member with a juvenile offense does not automatically exclude the applicants. The agency must consider the suitability of the home based on the criteria used to assess crimes set forth in C- E of this standard and standard 11. B. and C.</b></p>					
<p><b><u>11. ABUSE AND NEGLECT BACKGROUND CHECK STANDARDS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. The agency must meet the following abuse and neglect background checks standards:</b></p>					

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<p>1. Check all child abuse and neglect registry and adult protective services registry maintained by the state, tribe or locality for information on applicants and any other household members who are adults age 18 or older.</p>	<p>c. Background Checks:</p> <p>i. Applicants must submit to criminal record and child abuse and neglect registry checks as required in section 471(a)(20) of the Social Security Act.</p> <p><i>*Summary section (this is from §471(a)(20), the Adam Walsh Act)– Title IV–E agencies must check any child abuse and neglect registry maintained by the state or tribe for information on any applicant and on any other adult living in the prospective foster home.</i></p>				
<p>2. Request that any other state in which applicants and other adult household members who are adults age 18 and older have resided in the preceding 5 years also check all child abuse and neglect registry and adult protective services registry maintained by that state.</p>	<p><i>*Summary section (this is from §471(a)(20), the Adam Walsh Act)– Further, title IV–E agencies must request a check of any other child abuse or neglect registry in a state or tribe in which any such applicant or other household adult has resided</i></p>				

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	in the preceding five (5) years.				
3. Comply with any request described in A. 2. that is received from another state.					
B. The applicants must not be licensed if the applicants or any household member who is an adult age 18 or older has been the subject of a substantiated allegation of sexual exploitation or sexual abuse of a child or has been substantiated for child abuse that resulted in a child fatality.					
C. If there is a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect other than those listed in B., involving the applicants or any household member who is an adult age 18 or older, the application is assessed on a case- by- case basis, which includes a discussion with the applicants and household members, to					

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determine if the safety of any child in the home will be impacted. If not impacted, the results of the abuse and neglect background check may not prevent licensure.					
D. Applicants and all household members have an ongoing duty to report any juvenile offenses committed by any member of the household. The existence of a household member with a juvenile offense does not automatically exclude the applicants. The agency must consider the suitability of the home based on the criteria used to assess crimes set forth in B.- C. of this standard and standard 10 C.-E.					
<p><b>4. HOME STUDY STANDARDS</b></p> <p>A. The agency must conduct a written comprehensive family assessment and home study in collaboration with the applicants to include:</p>	<p>d. Home Study: Applicants must have completed an agency home study, which is a written comprehensive family assessment to include the following elements:</p>				

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1. At least one scheduled on-site visit to assess the safety of the home using these licensing standards.	i. At least one scheduled on-site visit to assess home to ensure that it meets the state, tribal and/or local standards applicable to the safety and care of the home;				
2. At least one scheduled in home, individual interview of each household member to observe family functioning and assess the family's capacity to meet the needs of a child in foster care.	ii. At least one scheduled in home interview for each household member to observe family functioning and assess the family's capacity to meet the needs of a child or children in foster care;				
The agency will determine whether to interview or just observe each household member based on his or her age and development.	iii. The title IV-E agency has discretion on whether to interview or observe each household member based on his or her age and development; and				
B. The agency must obtain at least three references, including at least one from a relative and one from a non-relative.	iv. Multiple applicant references that attest to the capability of the applicant to care for the child, including at least one from a relative and one from a non-relative.				



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<p>C. Tribal agencies may also be involved in conducting home studies for American Indian and Alaska Native children. 42 U.S.C.A. sec. 671(26)(B) provides that any receiving state must treat any tribal home study report as meeting the requirements imposed by the state for the completion of a home study.</p>					
<p><b>7. OTHER LIVING SPACE STANDARDS</b></p> <p>A. The home may be a house, mobile home, housing unit or apartment occupied by an individual or a family.</p>	<p><b>B. FOSTER FAMILY HOME HEALTH AND SAFETY</b></p> <p>a. Living Space: The home must be a house, mobile home, housing unit or apartment occupied by an individual or a family. The home must have:</p>				
<p><b>9. ADDITIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS</b></p> <p>B.1. A family foster home must have a continuous supply of safe drinking water.</p>	<p>i. An adequate supply of safe drinking water;</p>				

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9.B.2. If a home uses private well water or another source of drinking water other than water through the municipal water supply, then it must be tested for safety.	*Summary section – may include water from a municipal drinking source, a private well or other source.				
7.A.6. Have kitchen facilities with a sink, refrigerator, stove, and oven in safe operating condition.	ii. A properly operating kitchen with a sink, refrigerator, stove, and oven;				
7.A.5. Have at least one toilet, sink, and tub or shower in safe operating condition.	iii. At least toilet, sink and tub or shower in operating condition;  *Summary section –Endnote vi. states that the toilet, sink and shower or tub are not required to be in the same room.				
7.A.7. Have heating and/or cooling as required by the geographic area, consistent with accepted community standards and in safe operating condition.	iv. Heating and/or cooling as required by the geographic area, consistent with accepted community standards and in safe operating condition; and				

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7.A.4. Have a working phone or access to a working phone in close walking proximity.	v. A working phone or access to a working phone in close walking proximity.				
<p>7. B. The applicants' home and all structures on the grounds of the property must be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition and in a reasonable state of repair within community standards.</p> <p>7. C. The home must satisfy the following living space standards:</p> <p>7.C.1. Be free from objects, materials, and conditions that constitute a danger.</p>	<p>b. Condition of the Home:</p> <p>The applicants' home, grounds, and all structures on the grounds of the property must be properly maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition and in a reasonable state of repair within community standards. The interior and exterior must be free from dangerous objects and conditions, and from hazardous materials. The home must meet the following requirements:</p>				
7.C.8. Have ventilation where household members and children in foster care eat, sleep, study, and play.	i. Have adequate lighting, ventilation and proper trash and recycling disposal, if recycling is available;				

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<p>7.C.9. Have artificial lighting where household members and children in foster care study and read.</p> <p>7.C.3. Regularly dispose of trash and recycling.</p>					
<p>7.C.2. Prevent or eliminate rodent and insect infestation.</p>	<p>ii. Be free from rodents and insect infestation;</p>				
<p>9.B.3. The temperature of any water heaters must be set in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.</p>	<p>iii. Proper water heater temperature;</p>				
<p><b><u>9. ADDITIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS</u></b></p> <p>A. The applicants' home must meet the following standards concerning weapons:</p>					
<p>1. The following weapons must be stored in an inoperative condition in a locked area inaccessible to children:</p> <p>a. Firearms;</p> <p>b. Air guns;</p> <p>c. BB guns;</p>	<p>iv. Weapons and ammunitions (separately) stored, locked, unloaded, and inaccessible to children;</p>				

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<b>d. Hunting slingshots; Any other projectile weapon.</b>					
<b>2. All ammunition, arrows or projectiles for such weapons must be stored in a locked space separate from the weapons.</b>					
<b>3. Applicants who are also law enforcement officials and can document that their jurisdiction requires them to have ready and immediate access to their weapons may be exempt from these weapon requirements provided the applicants adopt and follow a safety plan approved by the agency.</b>					
<b>C. 1. Any animal that poses a threat to the safety or health of a child in foster care must be confined in a place away from the child and inaccessible to the child.</b>					
<b>2. Pets that are required to be vaccinated by state or tribal law must be vaccinated against diseases that can transmit to</b>	<b>v. Pets are vaccinated in accordance with state, tribal and/or local law;</b>				

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humans, including rabies.					
<p><b>E. The applicants' home must meet the following standards concerning hazardous materials and first aid supplies:</b></p> <p>Prevent the child's access, as appropriate for his or her age and development, to all medications, poisonous materials, cleaning supplies, other hazardous materials, and alcoholic beverages.</p>	<p>vii. Have conditions that prevent the child's access, as appropriate for his or her age and development, to all medications, poisonous materials, cleaning supplies, other hazardous materials, and alcoholic beverages;</p>				
<p><b>D. The applicants' home must meet the following standards concerning swimming pools, hot tubs and spas:</b></p>	<p>vi. Swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas must meet the following to ensure they are safe and hazard free (and additionally must meet all state, tribal and/or local safety requirements):</p>				
<p><b>1. Swimming pools must have a barrier on all sides at least four feet high.</b></p>	<p>1. Swimming pools must have a barrier on all sides.</p>				
<p><b>2. Swimming pools must have their methods of access through the barrier equipped with a safety device, such as a bolt lock.</b></p>	<p>2. Swimming pools must have their methods of access through the barrier equipped with a safety device, such as a bolt lock.</p>				

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3. Swimming pools must be equipped with a life saving device, such as a ring buoy.	3. Swimming pools must be equipped with a life saving device, such as a ring buoy.				
4. If the swimming pool cannot be emptied after each use, the pool must have a working pump and filtering system.	4. If the swimming pool cannot be emptied after each use, the pool must have a working pump and filtering system.				
5. Hot tubs and spas must have safety covers that are locked when not in use.	5. Hot tubs and spas must have safety covers that are locked when not in use.				
<p><b>5. CAPACITY STANDARDS</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> The total number of children in a family foster home, including the family's own children living in the home, must not exceed 8, of which no more than 6 may be children in foster care. The agency may determine lower capacities based on the family assessment and home study.</p> <p><b>B.</b> The numbers of children may</p>	<p><b>C. FOSTER HOME CAPACITY</b></p> <p>The total number of children in foster care in a family foster home, must not exceed six (6) consistent with section 472(c)(1)(A)(ii)(III) of the Act.</p> <p>Per section 472(c)(1)(B) of</p>				

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be increased with agency approval:	the Act, the number of foster children cared for in a foster family home may exceed this numerical limitation at the option of the title IV-E agency for any of the following reasons:				
1. To allow a parenting youth in foster care to remain with the child of the parenting youth.	a. To allow a parenting youth in foster care to remain with the child of the parenting youth;				
2. To allow siblings to remain together.	b. To allow siblings to remain together;				
3. To allow a child with an established meaningful relationship with the family to remain with the family.	c. To allow a child with an established meaningful relationship with the family to remain with the family; and				
4. To allow a family with special training or skills to provide care to a child who has a severe disability.	d. To allow a family with special training or skills to provide care to a child who has a severe disability.				
5. A. <u>CAPACITY STANDARDS</u>					
1. No more than 3 children total under age 2.					
2. No more than 4 children total under age 5.					



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3. No more than 4 children total between the ages of 5 -13.					
4. No more than 4 children total over the age of 13.					
<p><b>6. <u>SLEEPING STANDARDS</u></b></p> <p>A. Each child in foster care must have a sleeping space with an individual bed or crib, mattress and linens, as appropriate for the child’s needs and age and similar to other household members.</p>	<p><b><u>D. FOSTER HOME SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS</u></b></p> <p>Applicants must provide a safe sleeping space including sleeping supplies, such as mattress and linens, for each individual child, as appropriate for the child’s needs and age and similar to other household members. Foster parents must not co-sleep or bed-share with infants.</p>				
1. Children who are relatives may share a bed with agency approval.					
2. All cribs in the home must be in compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission standards.					
3. All bunk beds in the home must not have more than two tiers.					

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<p>a. The upper tier must have railings on both sides to prevent falling.</p> <p>b. The top tier must not be used by a child under the age of 6.</p>					
<p>B. There must be no more than 4 children total sharing a room used as a sleeping space.</p>					
<p>1. A child over the age of 5 must not share a room used as a sleeping space with a child of the opposite sex.</p>					
<p>2. Children who are relatives may share a room used as a sleeping space with agency approval.</p>					
<p>3. A child under 12 months of age in an individual crib may share a room used as a sleeping space with the foster parent.</p>					
<p>4. A child over 12 months of age may share a room used as a sleeping space with the foster parent with agency approval.</p>					

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<p><b>8. <u>FIRE SAFETY/ EVACUATION PLAN STANDARDS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. The applicants' home must meet the following fire safety/evacuation plan standards:</b></p>	<p><b><u>E. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, FIRE SAFETY, AND EVACUATION PLANS</u></b></p> <p>The applicant must have emergency preparedness plans and items in place as appropriate for the home's geographic location. The applicant's home must meet the following fire safety and emergency planning requirements:</p>				
<p><b>1. Have at least one UL (Underwriter's Laboratory) approved smoke detector on each level of occupancy of the home and near sleeping areas.</b></p>	<p><b>a. Have at least one smoke detector on each level of occupancy of the home and at least one near all sleeping areas;</b></p>				
	<p><b>b. Have at least one carbon monoxide detector on each level of occupancy of the home and at least one near all sleeping areas;</b></p>				
<p><b>2. Have at least one operable fire extinguisher that is readily accessible.</b></p>	<p><b>c. Have at least one operable fire extinguisher that is readily accessible;</b></p>				

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<p><b>3. Be free of obvious fire hazards, such as defective heating equipment or improperly stored flammable materials. Household heating equipment must be equipped with appropriate safeguards, maintained as recommended by the manufacturer.</b></p>	<p><b>d. Be free from obvious fire hazards, such as defective heating equipment or improperly stored flammable materials;</b></p>				
<p><b>4. Have a written emergency evacuation plan to be reviewed with the child within 24 hours of placement in the home and posted in a prominent place in the home. The plan must identify multiple exits from the home, and designate a central meeting place close to the home that is known to the child yet at a safe distance from potential danger.</b></p>	<p><b>e. Have a written emergency evacuation plan to be reviewed with the child and posted in a prominent place in the home;</b></p>				
<p><b>B. Applicants must maintain a comprehensive list of emergency telephone numbers, including poison control, and post those numbers in a prominent place in the home. If there is a</b></p>	<p><b>f. Maintain a comprehensive list of emergency telephone numbers, including poison control, and post those numbers in a prominent place in the home; and</b></p>				

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landline phone located in the home, the numbers must be posted next to the phone.					
<p><b>9. <u>ADDITIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS</u></b></p> <p>E. 2 Maintain first aid supplies as recommended by the Red Cross.</p>	<p>g. Maintain first aid supplies.</p>				
<p><b>12. <u>ASSURANCES FROM APPLICANTS</u></b></p> <p>A.10. They will ensure that the child in foster care has legal and safe transportation to and from health care, therapy, and agency appointments; school; extracurricular activities; social events; and scheduled meetings or visitation with parents, siblings, extended family members, and friends.</p> <p>A.11. They will ensure that if a privately- owned vehicle, owned by the applicants, family or friends, is used to</p>	<p><b>F. <u>TRANSPORTATION</u></b></p> <p>Applicants must ensure that the family has reliable, legal and safe transportation. Reliable transportation includes a properly maintained vehicle or access to reliable public transportation; if a privately-owned vehicle owned by the applicant's family or friends is used to transport the child in foster care, legal transportation includes having a valid driving license, insurance and registration; and safe</p>				

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<p>transport the child in foster care, it must be inspected (if applicable under state or tribal law), registered, and insured, and meet all applicable state or tribal requirements to be an operable vehicle on the road.</p> <p>Safety restraints will be used that are appropriate to the child's age, height, and weight.</p>	<p>transportation includes safety restraints as appropriate for the child.</p>				
<p><b>13. PRE- LICENSE TRAINING STANDARDS</b></p> <p>A. All applicants must complete at least 6 hours of pre-license training on care of the child.</p> <p>B. Pre-license training topics must include:</p> <p>1. An overview of the child welfare system:</p> <p>a. Legal rights, roles, responsibilities and</p>	<p><b>G. TRAINING</b></p> <p>a. Applicants must complete pre-licensing training on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rights, roles, responsibilities and expectations of foster parents;</li> <li>• agency structure, purpose, policies, and services;</li> <li>• laws and regulations;</li> <li>• the impact of childhood trauma;</li> <li>• managing child</li> </ul>				

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<p>expectations of foster parents;</p> <p>b. Agency purpose, policies, and services; and</p> <p>c. Courts, and applicable laws and regulations.</p> <p>2. Information including trauma concepts and behavioral management, to provide for the needs of the child who is or may be placed in the home.</p>	<p>behaviors;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first aid (including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for the ages of the children in placement) and medication administration; and</li> <li>• the importance of maintaining meaningful connections between the child and parents, including regular visitation.</li> </ul> <p>*Summary section – Endnote xi states “We did not intend that training on CPR would necessarily include completion of a CPR certification course.”</p> <p>Foster parents must participate in ongoing training to receive instruction to support their parental roles and ensure the parent is up to date with agency requirements.</p>				

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	Further, this training may also include child-specific training and/or may address issues relevant to the general population of children in foster care.				
<p><b>12. ASSURANCES FROM APPLICANTS</b></p> <p>A. Applicants must sign an agreement containing the following assurances that they and all household members will comply with their roles and responsibilities as discussed with the agency once a child is placed in their care:</p>	<p><b>H. FOSTER PARENT ASSURANCES</b></p> <p>Applicants must agree to comply with their roles and responsibilities as discussed with the title IV-E agency once a child is placed in their care. The title IV-E agency must require assurances including:</p>				
<p>1. They will not use any corporal or degrading punishment on any children in the home.</p>	<p>a. Applicants will not use corporal or degrading punishment.</p>				
<p>2. They will not use any illegal substances, abuse alcohol by consuming it in excess amounts or abuse legal prescription and nonprescription drugs by consuming them in excess amounts or using them contrary</p>	<p>b. Applicants will not use any illegal substances, abuse alcohol by consuming it in excess amounts, or abuse legal prescription and/or nonprescription drugs by consuming them in</p>				



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to as indicated.	excess amounts or using them contrary to as indicated.				
<p>3. They will not smoke in the presence of the child in foster care, in the family foster home or in any vehicle used to transport the child. Furthermore, guests will not be allowed to smoke in the presence of the child in the family foster home or in any vehicle used to transport the child.</p>	<p>c. Applicants and their guests will not smoke in the family foster home, in any vehicle used to transport the child, or in the presence of the child in foster care.</p>				
<p>4. They will closely supervise the child in foster care when the child is in close proximity to any swimming pool or body of water.</p> <p>When they cannot supervise, they must restrict the child's access to swimming pools or bodies of water. The child must never be left to swim alone.</p>					
<p>5. They will provide water safety instruction to the child in foster care as appropriate for</p>					

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his or her age and development if the home is adjacent to any body of water or has a swimming pool. Water safety instruction addresses key knowledge and skills on how to be safe around water and does not necessarily mean swimming lessons.					
6. They will maintain the swimming pool in safe condition, including testing and maintaining the chlorine and pH levels as required by the manufacturer's specifications.					
7. They will lock all entry points when the swimming pool is not in use.					
8. They will remove or secure any steps or ladders to the swimming pool to make them unusable when the pool is not in use.					
9. They will set up and maintain wading pools according to the manufacturer's instructions, and empty and store them when not in use.					

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<p><b>12. They may need to take additional steps for the safety of the child in foster care, depending on the home, the area in which it is located, and the age and any cognitive and behavioral challenges of the child. For example, applicants may be required to child proof their home or place a fence to prevent the child from accessing nearby railroad tracks or another hazard.</b></p>					
<p><b>13. They will adhere to the reasonable and prudent parent standard.</b></p>	<p><b>d. Applicants will adhere to the title IV-E agency's reasonable and prudent parent standard per section 472(c)(1)(A)(ii)(I) of the Act.</b></p>				
<p><b>B. The agency will review the assurances agreement with the foster parents at initial licensing, when a child is placed in their care, and annually thereafter.</b></p>					

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<p><b>14. <u>EMERGENCY PLACEMENT STANDARDS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. A child may be placed in a home on an emergency basis pending licensure for a maximum of 90 calendar days with a relative. The applicants must agree to complete the full assessment and approval process for a family foster home license within 90 calendar days. For emergency placements of American Indian and Alaska Native children, agencies should work closely with tribal and urban Indian organizations that have expertise in recruiting and licensing tribal family foster care homes.</b></p>					
<p><b>B. The agency must complete the following prior to approving an emergency placement:</b></p>					
<p><b>1. State and/or local criminal background check of</b></p>					

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<p>applicants and any other household member who is an adult age 18 or older. To determine eligibility, the results of the check will be assessed using the criteria in 10. C., D., and E. above.</p>					
<p>2. State, tribal, and/or local child abuse and neglect registry and adult protective services registry check for information on applicants and any other household member who is an adult age 18 or older. To determine eligibility, the results of the check will be assessed using the criteria in 11. B. and C. above.</p>					
<p>3. For other states in which applicants and any other household member who is an adult age 18 and older have resided in the preceding five years, applicants and household members must attest that they are not on the child abuse and neglect registry or the adult protective services registry. At that time, the agency will</p>					

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submit its request that the other states check their registries.					
4. Preliminary visual inspection to assess the safety of the home.					
5. Preliminary assessment of the ability of the applicants to meet the needs of the child.					
6. Discuss assurances agreement, as described in standard 12 above, with applicants and obtain their signatures on the agreement.					
C. If the home is not licensed within 90 calendar days, the child must be removed from the home, unless:					
1. A direct placement of the child in the home is ordered by the court while the child is still in the custody of the child welfare agency.					
2. The applicants file for and receive care and custody of					

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the child directly from the court.					
3. The agency grants an extension of up to 90 calendar days for applicants to complete licensure if it determines that removal of the child would be detrimental to the best interests of the child.					