

Administrative Foster Care Licensing Policy and Procedure Manual

Policy: Exception to Background Checks Substitute Caregivers

Program Foster Care Licensing

Applies to: Family Foster Home, Non-Related Kinship and Relative Homes

Effective Date: July 29, 2024

Policy and Procedure Background Checks Blanket Exception

I. POLICY

An exception to K.A.R. 30-47-805(a)(2) and (b)(2) is granted to exempt a substitute caregiver, defined in K.A.R. 30-47-800 (ff) and who provides care less than 3 times in a 12 month period, from the requirements of Fingerprints and Name-based KBI and CANIS Checks.

1. This exception will remain in effect until rescinded.
2. This exception may be rescinded if it is determined to no longer be in the best interest of a child or children and their families.

Note: Background checks are required in accordance with K.S.A. for individuals who work, reside or regularly volunteer in a licensed child care facility. Regularly means on a reoccurring basis of three or more occasions in a 12-month period as defined in K.A.R. 30-47-900(gg).

II. PROCEDURES

This exception is effective on the date stated above and remains in effect until rescinded. The exception may be rescinded if the Department determines the exception is no longer in the best interest of children and families.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this exception is to support foster families in implementing the reasonable and prudent parenting standards and provides normalcy for children in out of home placement arranging for irregular substitute care.

IV. AUTHORITY

The Secretary of the Kansas Department for Children and Families has the authority to grant exceptions to regulations when it is in the best interest of children and families pursuant to K.A.R. 30-47-804 (e).

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