

Noticed Rules Effective 10/1/15

113.8(2) In-service training. All licensed foster parents shall complete six hours of in-service training annually as required by rule 441—117.7(237).

a. All foster parents shall complete training in medication management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, ~~and~~ first aid, and the reasonable and prudent parent standard in their first year of licensure as required by rule 441—117.8(237).

441-202.1(234): Definitions.

“Age or developmentally-appropriate” means activities or items that are generally accepted as suitable for children of the same chronological age or level of maturity or that are determined to be developmentally-appropriate for a child, based on the development of cognitive, emotional, physical, and behavioral capacities that are typical for an age or age group; and in the case of a specific child, activities or items that are suitable for the child based on the developmental stages attained by the child with respect to the cognitive, emotional, physical, and behavioral capacities of the child.

“Reasonable and prudent parent standard” means the standard characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the health, safety, and best interests of a child while at the same time encouraging the emotional and developmental growth of the child, that a caregiver shall use when determining whether to allow a child in foster care under the responsibility of the State to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities. For the purposes of this definition, caregiver means a foster parent with whom a child in foster care has been placed or a designated official for a child care institution (including group homes, residential treatment, shelters, or other congregate care settings) in which a child in foster care has been placed.

202.11(6) When the child has reached the age of majority under state law, the department shall provide a free copy of the child’s health and education records to the child when the child leaves foster care. Throughout the provision of care the foster care provider is permitted to use the reasonable and prudent parent standard to create opportunities for participation of the child in age or developmentally-appropriate activities.

The standard is to support normalcy for children in care to ensure the child’s range of experiences is typical of experiences of any child of the same age. Children must practice the skills they will need as an adult while they are still in a protected environment. These experiences help them build relationships, develop skills, and prepare for adulthood.