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Family, Children and Adult Services Manual Transmittal Letter No. 531

TO: Family, Children and Adult Services Manual Holders
FROM: Matt Damschroder, Director
SUBJECT: Amendments to Children Services Licensing OAC Rule 5101:2-9-25

This letter transmits amendments to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5101:2-9-25. This rule is being amended to extend housing and services for residents who are 18 years of age and to meet the five year rule review. The rule will be effective January 1, 2024.

The following is a brief summary of the changes and additions.

OAC 5101:2-9-25 entitled **Residential parenting facility and crisis care facility location and programmatic requirements** provides guidance to agencies on the requirements of a residential parenting facility. The rule has been amended to include expectant minor mothers and to allow an agency to maintain residents to the age of nineteen. This will allow greater flexibility in providing services to the residents.

INSTRUCTIONS:

The following chart indicates the materials that should be removed from the Family Children and Adult Services Manual (FCASM) and the materials that are to be inserted in the FCASM.

LOCATION	REMOVE AND FILE AS OBSOLETE	INSERT/REPLACEMENT
Foster Care Licensing	5101:2-9-25	5101:2-9-25
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5101:2-9-25

Residential parenting facility and crisis care facility location and programmatic requirements.

- (A) A residential parenting facility or crisis care facility shall not be integrated as a part of another children's residential center (CRC) or group home. A residential parenting facility or crisis care facility shall be a self-contained facility. The mixing of the differing populations is prohibited.
- (B) Each residential parenting facility shall assure the availability of a program for each minor mother in residence which teaches parenting skills either individually or in a group setting. The facility's plan for the provision of such a program shall be presented for approval to ODJFS prior to initial certification.
- (C) A minor mother residing in a residential parenting facility shall meet at least one of the following requirements:
- (1) Enrolled in school on a full-time basis during the school year or working towards a general educational development (GED) certificate.
 - (2) Employed in a full-time job or documentation of actively seeking employment, if she has completed their education plan, which may include receipt of a GED certificate.
 - (3) Enrolled in school on a part-time basis or working towards a GED certificate and employed in a part-time job or documentation of actively seeking employment, during the school year.
- (D) Any school aged child residing in a residential parenting facility or crisis care facility shall be enrolled in school during the school year.
- (E) If a minor mother or expectant minor mother, who is a current resident of the residential parenting facility, reaches eighteen years of age, the facility may allow the resident to remain at the facility until age nineteen.

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