



Memorandum

To: Child Welfare Staff
From: Mary Havick, Deputy Commissioner
Date: October 28, 2022
Re: Foster Homes Dually Serving as Host Homes

Related to our efforts to ensure appropriate services and supports are offered to older youth with complex needs transitioning out of foster care, **I am pleased to share that it has been determined that DFCS foster homes and CPA foster homes can be converted to DBHDD host homes for adults to provide continued care for an older youth aging out of foster care without losing or impacting their foster home status.**

We have verified with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Department of Community Health, Residential Child Care Licensing (RCCL) and internally with the Division that there are currently no policies prohibiting this dual foster home and host home arrangement. This arrangement will allow youth with complex needs to continue receiving services and supports from a consistent caregiver(s).

Please include this possibility into your transition-planning discussions internally, with our partners at DBHDD and in conversations with current foster parents of children with complex needs. There should be consensus among the partners about this arrangement before it is pursued. If you encounter any barriers to converting a foster home to a host home in order to allow an older youth in foster care to remain with the same caregiver post age 21, please contact Dana Carroll, Deputy General Counsel.