



Georgia Department of Human Services

Residential Child Care Licensing

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RCCL RULES & THE SAFE HOME STUDY



SAFE HOME STUDY SECTION	RCCL RULE TAGS & DESCRIPTIONS	NOTES
>>APPLICANT INFORMATION*	<p>0817 ...the required home study information occur and include at least the following: The names of family members, the family address and telephone number, drivers' license numbers, and proof of automobile insurance...</p> <p>0819 A description of family member including: (i) Date and place of birth; (v) Education;</p> <p>0824 Finances and occupations of family members: (i) Employment history, including whether the home is a registered family day care home</p>	<p>0817 Auto Insurance is under Home & Community</p> <p>0824(i) can also be under Physical & Social Environment or Family Lifestyle</p>
>>MARITAL/PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIPS* -PAST MARRIAGE(S)/PARTNERSHIP RELATIONSHIP(S)	<p>0819 (iii) Family background & history</p> <p>0820 (i) Verified date & place of marriage (if applicable) (ii) Assessment of marital relationship (iii) Family interaction patterns</p> <p>0820 (iv) Previous marriages</p>	<p>0819(iii) can also be under Extended Family Relations</p>
>>REFERENCES	<p>0831 A minimum of three (3) character references: (i) At least one reference shall be from an extended family member not residing with the prospective foster family, and (ii) If the prospective foster parent has either served previously as a foster parent for another agency, and/or been employed in a job involving the care of children, at least one reference must be from the former agency or employer</p>	
>>MEDICAL*	<p>0822 (i) Health history and condition of family members (ii) Documentation of a physical examination of the foster parent applicants completed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or a registered nurse... (iii) A statement from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or public health department regarding the general health status of other members of the prospective adoptive family...</p>	<p>0822 (i), (ii) can also be under Personal Characteristics</p>
>>APPLICANT'S/OTHER CRIMINAL/CPS RECORDS CHECK	<p>0829 A statement regarding the results of a criminal records check, for each prospective foster parent (s) and any adult residing in the home...</p>	



<p>>>HOME AND COMMUNITY</p>	<p>0817 Proof of automobile insurance</p> <p>0825 (i)Description of neighborhood</p> <p>0826 (ii) Physical standards of the home, including (I) Space and sleeping arrangements (II) Only bedrooms are used as sleeping space for children (III) Maximum of two (2) children sleep in a double or larger bed, same sex, under 5 years old (IV) No child over one (1) year sleeps in room with an adult (V) Children over three (3) of different sexes do not share a bedroom (VI) Bedroom must have adequate space for clothing & personal possessions</p> <p>0827 (iii) Assessment of community resources</p> <p>0828 Religion</p>	<p>0828 Can also be under Family Lifestyle & Interaction Patterns</p>
<p>>>APPLICANT PROFILE*</p>	<p>0819 A description of family members, including: (ii) Physical description (vii) Personal characteristics (I) Personality (II) Interests & hobbies</p>	<p>0819 (III) Emotional Stability under History</p>
<p>>>FAMILY LIFESTYLE AND INTERACTION PATTERNS*</p>	<p>0819 (vi) Social involvements</p> <p>0821 (ii) Current behavior management practices (iii) Current child-rearing practices</p>	<p>0821 (iii) Current child-rearing practices can be under General Parenting</p>
<p>>>MOTIVATION -FUTURE PLACEMENT FAMILIES</p>	<p>0818 The motivation for foster parenting; including attitude toward childlessness</p> <p>0821 (i) Description of parenting knowledge, attitudes & skills</p> <p>0823 (iv) Anticipated adjustment of each foster family member to a foster child (v) Willingness to cooperate with the placement agency (vi) Support network in place for the foster family, including support systems for single parent families</p> <p>0832 A description of the type of child desired by the prospective foster family</p>	<p>0821(i) can be under Family Lifestyle</p>
<p>>>HISTORY</p>	<p>0819 (III) Emotional stability</p>	



>>PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS	0822 (iv) Evaluation of emotional and mental health status of each member of the prospective foster family (v) Screening for tuberculosis for prospective foster parent(s) & children 16 and older living in the prospective foster home	
>>EXTENDED FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS*	0819 (iii) Family background & history (iv) Current relationships with immediate and extended family members	0819(iii) also under Marital/Partnership Relationships
>>PHYSICAL/SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT*	0826 (VII) The home is maintained in a condition to ensure health & safety of the children (VIII) Hazardous items are not accessible to children (IX) Statement whether firearms are kept in the home and if so, if all are locked away from children (X) Statement whether a swimming pool is on the premises, and if the pool present at the home is fenced (XI) Each level of the home is equipped with a functional smoke alarm (XII) Water supply and sewage disposal systems which, if other than public systems, have been approved by appropriate authorities (XIII) Domestic pets owned or residing with the family have been inoculated against rabies (XIV) Gas heaters are vented to avoid fire and health hazards, with any un-vented, fuel-fired heaters equipped with oxygen depletion safety shut-off systems 0824 Finances & occupations of family members: (i) Employment history, including whether the home is a registered family day care home (ii) Financial stability of the family (iii) Possible financial impact of the addition of a foster child	0824 can be under Family Lifestyle & Interaction Patterns.
>> GENERAL PARENTING	0821 (ii) Current behavior management practices (iii) Current child-rearing practices	
>>SPECIALIZED PARENTING	0823 Understanding of and adjustment to foster parenting: (i) Understanding of the role of a foster parent & issues in caring for foster children (ii) Foster family's attitude toward the parent(s) of foster children including parental visits in their home (iii) Expectations of the foster child, including intellectual and physical achievement 0830 Pre-service training foster parent received	
>>CONCLUSION AND PLACEMENT CONSIDERATIONS	0834 Recommendation regarding approval as prospective foster parent(s)	
>>RECOMMENDATION	0833 The date the study is completed and the name and signature of the person completing the study 0835 Notification of Approval to potential foster parent(s)	



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Website:

<https://dhs.georgia.gov/organization/about/division-offices/office-inspector-general/residential-child-care-licensing/child>



OPM VS RCCL RULES

OPM

1. Household members **18 years** of age must be screened for **tuberculosis**.
1. Gas heaters in the home **must be vented** to avoid fire & health hazards. **However, unvented**, fuel-fired heaters equipped with oxygen depletion safety shut-off systems **may be operated in the homes**.
2. N/A

RCCL

1. Screening for **tuberculosis** for prospective foster parent(s) & children **16 and older** living in the prospective foster home. (**MOST RESTRICTIVE**)
2. Gas heaters are **vented** to avoid fire & health hazards, **with any unvented**, fuel-fired heaters equipped with oxygen depletion safety shut-off systems. (**MOST RESTRICTIVE**)
3. The foster home study report shall include: Willingness to cooperate with the placement agency.



OPM VS RCCL SPACE & SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

OPM

1. Caregivers must provide a safe **sleeping space**... as appropriate for the child's needs and age.

RCCL

1. Only bedrooms are used as sleeping space for children. (MOST RESTRICTIVE)
2. A maximum of two (2) children sleep in a double or larger bed, and only if they are of the same sex and under age 5.
3. No child over one (1) year sleeps in a room with an adult.
4. Children over three (3) years old of different sexes do not share a bedroom.

***Six children in the home includes 18-year-olds (biological and adoptive children). You must request a waiver for more than 6 children 18 and under.**



Requesting Waivers

When requesting a waiver through **OPM**, a waiver **must** also be requested through **RCCL**.



Any Questions?

