

Child care facilities/Children's rights regulations

Each facility will identify an "on-site official" who will be responsible for ensuring that the reasonable and prudent standard is followed and children are provided with "normal" life experiences while in out of home care. These include extracurricular, recreational and social activities commiserate with the cognitive, emotional, physical and behavioral capacities of the child.

Policy and procedure will need to identify, define and establish procedures to address the following in regulation:

- Supervision levels will need to be defined ranging from complete supervision to independence for in the home, community and school activities and be in accordance with the cognitive, emotional, physical and behavioral capacities of the child.
- Identify designated "on site official" authorized to make these decisions
- Define necessary training/approval for "on site official"
- Define responsibilities of "on site official"
- Define activities/types the "on site official" is authorized to approve and activities requiring team and/or guardian approval and mechanism for approval
- Define process for request or team recommendation and approval by "on site official"
- Identify documentation requirements.
- Define training for staff on prudent parent standard including agency specific policy for approval

The following regulations will need to address the reasonable and prudent parent standard for all **Child Caring Facility Licenses:**

17a-145-61 Written policies and procedures

"...supervision of children shall be clearly stated in writing."

Policy and procedures specifically outlining supervision levels will need to be defined ranging from complete supervision to independence for in the home, community and school activities and be in accordance with the cognitive, emotional, physical and behavioral capacities of the child

17a-145-78 Recreational facilities

"...appropriate....supervision should be provided to protect he children from bodily harm."

Supervision levels during extracurricular, recreational and social activities commiserate with the cognitive, emotional, physical and behavioral capacities of the child will need to be incorporated

17a-150-83 Visitors

"...shall be permitted to receive visitors subject to reasonable restrictions..."

Unsupervised visitation on/off grounds with friends and family

17a-145-97 Unauthorized absences

"Unauthorized absences of a child in care shall be reported immediately ..."

Procedure addressing late arrival from an off grounds pass

Children's Right regulations

17a-16-8 Use of telephone

"...may restrict the use of the telephone... inconsistent with the child's ...treatment objectives."

Procedures and documentation required for restricting access to specific individuals in accordance with prudent parent standard. Use of approved list specifically prohibited.

17a-16-9

"...may limit the use or receipt of mail ... inconsistent with the child's ...treatment objectives."

Procedures and documentation required for restricting access to specific individuals in accordance with prudent parent standard. Use of approved list specifically prohibited.