

Operational Policy

Section: Foster Care
Item: Foster Parents providing Dayhome Services



Purpose	<p>This policy provides direction regarding the provision of day home services by foster parents either prior to approval to foster or while they are fostering.</p> <p>This policy does not address foster homes providing respite services or casual babysitting.</p>
Background	<p>Foster parents open their home to children with a variety of behaviours, needs and issues. Providing dayhome services not only puts the foster parent at risk but can also compromise the quality of care for the foster children and may place them and day home children at risk.</p>
Action	<p>Foster parents may not be day home providers while they are licenced foster home.</p>
Follow Up	<p>If you are become aware of a foster parent providing day home services while licenced to foster, provide the foster parent with an opportunity to cease providing day home services. If the foster parent refuses to comply consider issuing an order after inspection or reviewing their license.</p>