

FOSTER/KIN HOME INSPECTION

Name of Provider:	
Date of Visit:	
Caseworker signature:	

Yes	No	N/A		GENERAL COMFORT AND SAFETY
			1	Hazardous chemicals, tools, matches, plastic bags, paints, gasoline, insecticides, cleaning and laundry materials (including bleach) are stored out of reach of young children. (7.708.26/A)
			2	Products which could cause poisoning or contamination are not stored in areas where food is stored or prepared (7.708.26/A)
			3	Food stored, prepared and served in such a manner as to be clean, wholesome, free from spoilage and safe for human consumption. Only pasteurized milk is served. Home pressure-canned fruits and vegetables, and canned meats cannot be served because of the possible severe health concerns from botulism in unsafe canned foods (7.708.42/E)
			4	ALL medicines locked and stored out of reach of children (7.708.26A) Medication kept in a clean storage area and stored according to pharmacy instructions (7.708.41/J2)
			5	First aid supplies are readily available (7.708.41/E)
			6	Home is equipped with adequate light, heat, ventilation, and plumbing (7.708.26/C)
			7	Home is equipped with hot and cold running water (7.708.26/D)
			8	Water (from any source other than a regular municipal water supply) tested annually for compliance with water quality requirement. Copy of certificate provided (7.500.2/C7 and 7.708.26/B)
			9	Home has access to a working telephone. Emergency numbers (medical care, fire, law enforcement and poison control) are posted near the telephone or are immediately available. (7.708.26/F)
			10	Phone numbers for the agency or the person having legal custody of each child are readily available (7.708.26/F). 24-hour crisis line for the Department of Human Services (#970-498-6990) included.
			11	Stairways containing more than four steps are equipped with a handrail (7.708.26/E)
			12	Dogs and cats are vaccinated as required by State law. Children not permitted to mistreat animals. Any animal posing a threat to safety or health is confined in a place away from children (7.708.31/E2)
			13	Children transported in a vehicle that is properly licensed and maintained in accordance with Colorado law (7.708.46). Copies of car registration and auto insurance provided.
			14	Driver's license copy provided for those over age sixteen years who are transporting children (7.708.46/D)
			15	Children must be properly fastened into a restraint system that conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and pursuant to Colorado law. Infants must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are at least 1 year old and at least 20 pounds. Children aged 1 to 4 years who weigh 20 to 40 pounds must be restrained in a forward-facing car seat. Children over 40 pounds, who are less than 8 years old must continue to ride in a child restraint (unless they are 57" tall). Typically, this is a booster seat. Seat belts for all kids over age 7 years. (7.708.46/E)

Yes	No	N/A		PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS
			16	Outdoor play space free from hazards, not less than 75 square feet per child (for children 12 months to five years of age). Area fenced or written plan for supervision provided (7.708.22/B1)
			17	35 square feet of usable indoor space, exclusive of halls, baths and sleeping area, available for each child. All floor space has carpets, tile or smooth finish that may be easily cleaned. (7.708.22/B3)
			18	Interior walls constructed of solid material and free from holes. (7.708.22/B3)
			19	Toys and outdoor play equipment available to children. Materials and equipment are age appropriate and used for active and quiet play. (7.708.22/B7)
			20	40 square feet of floor space for each foster child's bed is available. Beds arranged in parallel are placed at least two feet apart (7.708.22/B8)



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			21	Comfortable bed, cot or crib in a clean, well-ventilated room available for all children in the home. Beds not set up in kitchen, dining room, hall or bathroom (7.708.22/B8).
			22	Two sheets and suitable warm covering are provided to each foster child. Sheets changed weekly or more frequently if needed. No child allowed to remain sleeping in a wet bed (7.708.31/G2)
			23	Children over the age of 18 months do not sleep in the same room as unrelated adults (parents or other adult household member). (7.708.31/G3)
			24	Sleeping area for children under five years of age is near the bedroom of the parent or other responsible person. Monitoring systems may be used to ensure safety (7.708.31/G5)
			25	Sleeping rooms for unrelated children are not shared by children of the opposite sex when both children are over four years old. (7.708.31/G3)
			26	Written approval from the Department of Human Services located in the child's file and provider's file for siblings of the opposite sex that are over the age of four years and share a bedroom (7.708.31/G3)
			27	Children under 12 years of age not permitted to sleep in a detached structure without a responsible person sleeping in the same structure. Written approval from the Department of Human Services on file (7.708.31/G5)
			28	Child provided with adequate sleep wear (7.708.31/G4)
			29	Home equipped with refrigeration. Dishes washed, rinsed and stored in a safe and sanitary manner (7.708.22/B6)
			30	Common drinking cups are not permitted (7.708.42/I)
			31	Children provided with necessary and appropriate toiletry items (clean, individual towels and washcloths, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb and shampoo) (7.708.43/A2)
			32	Weapons unstrung/unloaded, and stored in locked containers out of the reach of children. Ammunition and arrows stored in separated locked containers. (7.708.22/B2)
			33	Weapons not transported in any vehicle in which children are riding unless weapon is inoperable and inaccessible (law enforcement professionals exempt) (7.708.22/B2)
			34	Unfinished basements inaccessible when safety hazards present. (7.708.22/B3)
			35	Basement equipped with second exit, which may be an accessible window (with ladder) (7.708.22/B5)
			36	Exterior doors permit easy exit. Interior doors prevent children from being trapped (7.708.22/B4)
			37	Swimming pool assessed for safety by certification worker and/or health department, and written safety plan provided (7.708.22/B11)
			38	Written safety plan provided for use of trampoline (7.708.22/B12)
			39	No rental income business, adult foster care facility or hazardous business on the premises of the home (7.708.22/B9)
			40	Mobile home skirted, properly installed and stabilized with two exits (7.708.22/B10)

Yes	No	N/A		FIRE SAFETY
			41	Fire hazards (such as defective electrical appliances, electric cords, dangerous or defective heating equipment or flammable materials) that are stored in a manner to create a risk of fire are corrected or eliminated (7.708.25/A)
			42	Gas space heaters, open-flame gas or oil stoves, hot plates, and un-vented heaters are not used for heating purposes. Electric space heaters not used for permanent heating purposes. (7.708.25/D)
			43	Flammables, aerosol paints, insecticides, chemicals, and other dangerous materials are locked or stored in a manner inaccessible to children in areas separate from sleeping or living areas. Flammables stored in an approved container (7.708.25/E)
			44	Radiators, registers, fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, steam pipes and hot water pipes that pose a fire or burn hazard are screened or otherwise protected (7.708.25/F)
			45	Flammable materials not stored near a furnace, hot water heater or other heating device (7.708.25/G)
			46	Candles or other burnable objects not permitted in children's sleeping areas. (7.708.25/H)
			47	Five pound fire extinguisher that has a rating of 2A, 10BC is highly visible, easily accessible and in working condition (7.708.25/B)



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			48	Smoke detectors are located on each level of the home and near sleeping areas (7.708.25/C)
			49	Exit doors are clearly identified. Exit doors do not have a lock or fastening to prevent free escape from the inside of any room. (7.708.25/I)
			50	Exit routes are free of discarded furniture, furnishings, laundry and stacks of newspapers or magazines (7.708.25/J)
			51	Children aware of fire evacuation procedures, escape routes and exits (7.708.31/B1)
			52	Emergency drills include provisions for roles and responsibilities during an emergency, evacuation of the home and assignment of a central meeting place (7.708.45/A)
			53	Record of regular fire drills documented and submitted (2 per calendar year) (7.708.45/F).

Yes	No	N/A		FOSTER/KIN HOME SITE
			54	Home accessible to health resources, public and private utilities, adequate and safe water supplies, sewage disposal and fire and police protection (7.708.23/A)
			55	Home complies with local zoning department requirements (7.708.23/B)
			56	The following areas of the home have been inspected by the certification caseworker: Residence, surrounding grounds, basement, attic, storage buildings and/or garage or carport (7.708.23/C)
			57	Indoor and outdoor space is maintained in a clean and safe condition free from hazards to health and safety (7.708.23/D)

Yes	No	N/A		FOSTER/KIN HOME MAINTENANCE
			58	Home kept in good repair and maintained in a safe, clean and sanitary condition (7.708.24/A)
			59	Provisions made for collection, storage and disposal of trash to prevent infestation by rodents (7.708.24/D)
			60	Home is kept free from accumulation of significant amounts of non-essential materials such as furnishings, newspapers or magazines that could pose a fire or health hazard (7.708.24/C)
			61	Areas of the home accessible to children including equipment, materials and furnishings are sturdy, of safe construction, easy to clean, free of hazards and free of lead paint (7.708.24/B)

Yes	No	N/A		OTHER HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS
			62	Current photograph of the family in certification file (7.500.2/C8)
			63	Health evaluations submitted on members of the foster/kin family, including other household members (7.708.21/K and 7.708.21/L)
			64	Each foster/kin parent certified in first aid and CPR for all ages of children in care (7.708.41/E)
			65	Twenty hours of ongoing training completed annually by each spouse/partner. Training is relevant to the fostering of children (7.500.311/B2).
			66	Foster/Kinship children aware of the rules/regulations of the home (7.708.31/B2)
			67	Foster/Kinship children aware of discipline used in the home and consequences for certain behaviors (7.708.31/B3)
			68	Foster/Kinship children aware of children's rights policy and grievance procedures (7.708.31/B4)
			69	Each child's file includes: current medical and dental records, accident/injury/illness reports, medication logs, copies of educational records and reports of school work, copy of the Family Services Plan, psychiatric or psychological reports, and foster/kin parent notes (7.708.51/D1-5)
			70	Foster/Kinship parent(s) shall protect foster/kinship children from exposure to second hand smoke as follows: 1.) Smoking is prohibited inside the foster/kinship home at all times when a child(ren) is/are in placement. 2.) Smoking is prohibited in a foster/kinship parents' or substitute caregiver's motor vehicle when a child(ren) is/are in placement in the foster/kinship home. 3.) Smoking includes carrying or having in one's possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other object giving off tobacco smoke. (7.708.21/I)
			71	Children under the age of 18 are prohibited from possessing or smoking cigarettes <u>and</u> possessing or using tobacco products (Ordinance 98-01).



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Yes	No	N/A		SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS (The following elements are <i>recommended</i> to provide a safe environment for the children in your care.)
			72	Lawn mower, snow blower, and/or lighter fluid locked or inaccessible
			73	Window well covers installed on windows accessible to children
			74	Liquor is locked or inaccessible
			75	Cigarettes, matches and lighters locked or inaccessible
			76	Knives, scissors and razor blades are locked or inaccessible
			77	Gates for stairways installed for young children
			78	Outside decks, gates, railings, and fences are secure
			79	Electrical outlet covers installed for young children
			80	Swing set stable, no protruding bolts
			81	Garage is off limits or made safe
			82	Off limits rooms have lock or safety latch
			83	Dresser or closet provided for each child, as a place to store their clothing
			84	Written safety plan provided for use of hot tub
			85	Carbon Monoxide detectors located on each level of the home
			86	Escape ladder for upstairs fire exit available – only one required for upper floor

VIOLATIONS:

I agree to have the above requirements completed by (date) _____

Signature of Provider/Date

REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED AND VERIFIED BY: _____

Foster/Kin Caseworker

Date

