

**199.660 Authorized activities of child-placing agencies -- Registry of closed foster family homes -- Restrictions on approvals of or placements in foster family homes -- Collaboration to promote educational stability.**

- (1) A licensed child-placing agency may place children in any licensed child-caring facility, including institutions and group homes, or in foster family homes under its direct supervision, in a facility certified by an appropriate agency as operated primarily for educational or medical purposes, or may place children for adoption if specifically authorized by its license to do so. The child-placing agency shall provide careful supervision of all children under its care and of children placed by it in child-caring facilities or foster family homes, and its agents shall visit such facilities or foster family homes as often as may be necessary to promote the welfare of the children.
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  - (a) A licensed child-placing agency shall notify the department within fourteen (14) calendar days of the closure of a foster family home under its supervision for any reason, and shall state the reason for the closure.
  - (b) The department shall maintain a foster family home registry where this closure information, and closure information for all foster family homes closed by the cabinet, are stored.
  - (c)
    1. A licensed child-placing agency shall not approve a foster family home, and shall not place a child into any foster family home, until the child-placing agency first requests information from the department to determine if the prospective foster family home is listed in the registry, if the foster family home has ever been closed, and the reason for closure.
    2. A licensed child-placing agency shall not approve a foster family home, and shall not place a child into a foster family home, which has been closed for cause by any other licensed child-placing agency or by the cabinet unless the foster family home has been successfully and continually operating as a cabinet foster family home for one (1) year after it was closed for cause by a licensed child-placing agency.
    3. A licensed child-placing agency shall not approve a foster family home, and shall not place a child into a foster family home, which is under corrective action by any other licensed child-placing agency or by the cabinet at time of the closure unless:
      - a. The foster family home provides all information on the corrective action to the licensed child-placing agency;
      - b. The licensed child-placing agency fully addresses the foster family home's corrective action in the foster family's home study narrative; and
      - c. The department reviews and approves the foster family's home study.
- (3) Licensed child-caring facilities and child-placing agencies shall collaborate with local school districts to promote educational stability for children under their care in

accordance with KRS 199.802, and shall work to ensure that foster family homes under a child-placing agency's supervision understand and actively support the educational needs of the children placed in their care through training, support, and supervision of the home by the child-placing agency.

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