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| Policy Title: | Children age 18 and Over Who Have a Developmental Disability – OAR | | |
| Policy Number: | I-E.3.1.1 | | Effective Date: 09-01-2001 |

Approved By: *on file*

Date Approved:

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Reference(s):

- None

Form(s) that apply:

- None referenced.

Policy:

TO: All Staff

Summary:

Children age 18 and over who have a developmental disability and who are in the custody of the DHS and who are in foster care must be considered dependent children by Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Services (SPDS) Developmental Disability Services (DDS). All SPDS DDS child (not adult) foster home rules must apply to foster care payments, foster home certification and SSI payee status.

Practice Change:

Children age 18 and over who have a developmental disability and who are in the custody of the Department of Human Services (DHS), Community Human Services (CHS) and who are in foster care will be considered dependent children by DHS Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Services (SPDS), Developmental Disability Services (DDS).

All DHS, SPUDS, DDS child foster home rules will apply to foster care payments, foster home certification, and SSI payee status.

BACKGROUND: On January 10th, 2001, Janette Williams of the Office of Developmentally Disabilities Services (ODDS) sent a letter to Angela Sherbo of the Juvenile Rights Project, Inc. The letter stated that "SCF" and "ODDS" staff will prepare instructions to the field to assure this procedure is in place.

The information necessary for the Policy Letter was developed through discussions of Bob Crawford with Rob Abrams, Karen Memory (Mid-Town Branch) and Janette Williams.

Implementation: Prior to the child's 18th birthday, the DHS CHS staff will send a copy of the court order along with a notification letter to the DHS, SPDS, DDS.

Filing Notification Letter: A copy of the notification letter sent to DHS SPDS DDS is to be filed in the legal section of the child's record.

Workload Impact: As there are relatively few numbers of these children, the workload impact is low.

Forms/Pamphlets: None

Training/Implementation: Immediate

Implementation Feedback: Questions regarding the implementation of these rules may be addressed to DHS, CAFS, Office of Permanency for Children (OPC), Foster Care Unit (FCU).

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| NA | New Policy Letter, effective 1/2002 |

Supervisors: After discussing these policy revisions with your unit, sign and date below and return a copy of this transmittal letter to your manager.

Supervisor's Signature Date reviewed this policy with my unit.

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