

Policy Transmittal Office of Child Welfare Programs



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Topic: Foster Care

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual update
 Other:

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type} | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
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Policy/rule title:	Application of the Sibling Bill of Rights Act		
Policy/rule number(s):	413-010-000, 413-010-0170, 413-010-0180, 413-010-0185, 413-070-0660, 413-070-0830, 413-070-0840, 413-070-0860, 413-070-0870 413-070-1000	Release number:	
Effective date:	January 1, 2018	Expiration date:	
References:	Or Laws 2017, ch 36, §§ 1-5		
Web address:			

Discussion/interpretation: The Oregon Foster Children’s Sibling Bill of Rights ([Or Laws 2017, ch 36, §§ 1-5](#)) was signed into law by Gov. Brown on May 15, 2017. This legislation gives children and youth in foster care specific rights designed to protect and strengthen their bond with siblings.

Administrative rules were created with the assistance of a workgroup and Rules

Advisory Committee of interested participants consisting of DHS CW Central Office, field staff and management (includes ICWA), ODDS, OFPA, OFYC, OYA, OJD- Juvenile and Family Court Programs, Camp To Belong Oregon, and current and former foster care alumni.

These new rules affected other program areas and required revisions to the rules listed above under “Policy/rule numbers.” The rule changes included the establishment of the Sibling Bill of Rights and the enhancement of the visitation sections of the rules necessary to support the Sibling Bill of Rights. View [division 10](#) and [division 70](#).

Resources and remaining processes:

A new two-sided poster, the Oregon Foster Children’s Sibling Bill of Rights (form DHS [CF 0262](#)), has been created (one side is more comprehensive, and the other side is more basic so that information can be conveyed in an age and developmentally appropriate manner).

A Tips and Ideas sheet (form DHS [CF 0263](#)) was also created.

The poster and tip sheet became available in January.

Training/communication plan: In January 2018, packets of the poster, tip sheet, and a letter describing the new law and its requirements were sent out to all Child Welfare branch offices. The procedure manual updates, in addition to a visitation and contact form reflecting the new plan requirements, are expected to be released in February 2018. A computer-based training is planned for release in the spring with presentations to follow.

Local/branch action required: Managers and supervisors must review the new rules with casework staff.

Central office action required: No?

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

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