

CHILD FOSTER CARE

Respite and Substitute Care for Family Settings
Minnesota Rules, part 2960.3090
Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.144; 245A.175; & 245A.18

DEFINITIONS & REQUIREMENTS

SUBSTITUTE CARE	Temporary care of foster children <u>inside the foster home</u> by someone other than the foster parent <u>for overnight or longer</u>
<p style="text-align: center;">LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CAREGIVER</p> <p>* Minnesota Statutes, section 245C.04, subd. 1 (g) (1) requires that a new background study must be submitted through NETStudy when an individual returns to a position requiring a BGS following an absence of 120 or more consecutive days.</p>	<p>Long-term substitute care means <u>more than 72 hours</u> of continuous care for a foster child.</p> <p>Qualifications: a substitute caregiver must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be at least 18 years of age ✓ Have a completed background study <p>If providing <u>more than 30 cumulative days</u> of substitute care in a 12-month period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Submit a signed statement of good health and be physically able to care for foster children; and (2) Have at least 6 hours of training or 20 hours of experience caring for children with needs specific to the child being cared for; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide documentation of medical equipment training on the equipment used to care for the foster child <p><u>Children's Mental Health Training</u> – required prior to caring for foster children</p> <p><u>Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Training</u> – annual training must include one hour of training on fetal alcohol spectrum disorders</p> <p><u>Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) & Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) Training</u> – required prior to caring for foster children through age five</p> <p><u>Child Passenger Restraint Training</u> – required prior to <u>transporting</u> foster children under age nine</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SHORT-TERM SUBSTITUTE CAREGIVER</p> <p>(Not required to have a background study unless it is anticipated that they will become a long-term substitute caregiver).</p>	<p>Short-term substitute care means <u>less than 72 hours</u> of continuous care for a foster child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Does not have to meet the requirements of a long-term substitute caregiver ✓ The foster parent and the placing agency must agree the short-term substitute caregiver is able to meet the needs of the foster child ✓ Must provide documentation of medical equipment training on the equipment used to care for the foster child from an appropriate training source <p><u>SUID & AHT Training</u> – required prior to caring for foster children through age five</p> <p><u>Child Passenger Restraint Training</u> – required prior to <u>transporting</u> foster children under age nine</p>
RESPIRE CARE	Temporary care of <i>foster children</i> in a licensed foster home <u>other than the foster home the child was placed in</u>
NOTICE REQUIREMENTS	<p><u>Non-emergency situations:</u> License holder, parent, and placing agency must agree on respite care and substitute care arrangements within 10 working days prior to the use of such care or agree on respite care according to an ongoing written agreement. License holder must notify the placing agency when respite or long-term substitute care is being provided</p> <p><u>Emergency situations:</u> License holder must notify the placing agency of the emergency ASAP</p>