

**9560.0670 RECRUITMENT OF FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS.**

Subpart 1. **Recruitment; general.** The agency must recruit and license family foster homes from as wide a variety of backgrounds as possible.

Subp. 1a. **Recruitment plan.** The agency must develop and implement a plan for diligent recruitment of foster care providers who reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of children in the state for whom foster homes are needed. The agency may develop the plan directly or through a contract with another county, tribe, or authorized child-placing agency.

Subp. 1b. **Outreach for recruitment.** The agency must work diligently with community and religious organizations, Indian tribes, and other individuals and groups to recruit foster care providers who reflect the ethnic and racial diversity of children in Minnesota for whom foster care providers are needed. The agency may contact the Ombudsperson for Families and the state ethnic councils for assistance.

Subp. 1c. **Documentation of compliance with plan.** The agency must keep a record of its actions to comply with the requirements of this part.

Subp. 2. **Assistance to foster care providers.** The agency must train and assist foster care providers as necessary to assure the well-being of the child in foster care.

Subp. 3. **Foster care providers as advisers.** The agency must consult with foster care providers in the development of policies and procedures pertaining to foster care.

Subp. 4. **Relicensure.** Before recommending relicensure, the agency must evaluate with the foster care providers the services furnished by the foster care provider and the agency. The agency must give a copy of the evaluation to the foster care provider.

Subp. 5. **Racial bias.** The agency must work to eliminate racial, ethnic, and national origin discrimination and bias in adoption and foster care recruitment, selection, and placement procedures. The agency must assess the foster care applicant's or foster care provider's capacity for accepting children of diverse backgrounds. If the agency concludes that the applicant or provider has negative attitudes toward people of a particular race, religion, color, or national origin, the agency must refuse licensure or relicensure and not place additional children with that provider.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 14.388; 256.01; 256.82; 256E.05; 257.071; 257.072; 257.175; 260.40; 260C.212; 260C.215; 260C.451; 393.07*

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