



**DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES (DCFS)
LCB File No. R029-25**

Informational Statement per NRS 233B.066

1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.

These regulations were put forward based on the guidance issued by the Federal Register on September 28, 2023 (88 FR 66700), Sections 471(a)(10), (11), (20), and 474 of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act; Public Law (P.L.) 115-123; 45 CFR 1355.20 and 1356.21(m) adding separate licensing standards for relatives. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has encouraged all Title IV-E agencies to adopt licensing standards for relative and/or kinship foster family homes that place as few burdens on such families as possible, consistent with ensuring the safety and well-being of children in foster care.

2. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Below is a summary of how public comment was solicited and a summary of the public's response.

On November 20, 2025, the Division of Child and Family Services, Washoe County Human Services Agency, and Clark County Family Services disseminated the Small Business Impact Questionnaire via email to all foster care providers licensed in the State of Nevada, requesting responses by December 5, 2025. One (1) response was received indicating the proposed regulations would have no adverse effect on their facility.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the licensing of these homes. It reduces the amount of requirements that are mandatory for non-relative family foster homes, streamlines the process and Nevada's child welfare agencies have determined it would be beneficial to implement separate licensing standards for relatives, recognizing that children are best cared for when placed with a relative, when appropriate. It does not add any new burdens that would require a significant impact on these homes.

The proposed regulations were sent for feedback, review and commentary to the child welfare agencies, legal stakeholders, community members and non-profit organizations. In accordance with NRS Chapter 241, the notice of workshop and the public hearing was sent to all the organizations listed above, as well as, posting on the following websites and state locations, including contact information to request a copy of any materials related to these proposed regulations:

DCFS, 500 E. Warm Springs Rd., Ste 100, Las Vegas, NV 89119
DCFS, 4126 Technology Way., Ste. 300, Carson City, NV 89706
Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services, 2655 Enterprise Rd., Reno, NV 89512
Nevada Youth Parole Bureau, 6171 W. Charleston Blvd., Bldg. 15, Las Vegas, NV
89146 DCFS, 1010 Ruby Vista Dr. Suite 101, Elko, NV 89801
DCFS, 1485 West Warm Springs #109 Henderson, NV 89014
Division of Child and Family Services
website: <http://dcfs.nv.gov/Meetings/2025/2025MeetingsandAgendas/>

Nevada Legislature website: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us>

Nevada Public Notices website: <https://notice.nv.gov/>

Summary of Public Response

Considerable discussion and collaboration were held through several informal stakeholder engagement workgroups to ensure consistency throughout the state and create a final draft that was agreed upon by the three child welfare agencies.

Small Business Impact (described in #2)

Public Workshop

On February 26, 2026, a public workshop was held to allow the child welfare agencies and the public to provide input regarding the proposed regulations to NAC 424 (Foster Homes) based on the guidance issued by the Federal Register on September 28, 2023 (88 FR 66700), Sections 471(a)(10), (11), (20), and 474 of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act; Public Law (P.L.) 115-123; 45 CFR 1355.20 and 1356.21(m) adding separate licensing standards for relatives.

- Requested changes to Sec 23(1) to add “or is a permanent resident of the home and Sec 23(b) add language “or is visiting and is not a permanent resident of the home”.
- Requested changes to Sec 32(6): Delete language “training concerning working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning children pursuant to NRS 424.0365” and add the language “with the exception that training concerning working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning children must be taken within 90 days of initial licensure”.

It was determined to only require the initial training for relatives.

Adoption Hearing

On June 29, 2026, DCFS held a public hearing on R029-25RP1 – Related to Foster Homes for Children, Relative Licensing Standards in 424 of the Nevada Administrative Code. There were 22 participants who attended. There were no written or verbal comments received.

How Other Interested Persons May Obtain a Copy of the Summary

Any person interested in obtaining a copy of the responses at the public workshop or adoption hearing meetings may email, call, or mail a request to Suzanne Groberg at:

Division of Child and Family Services
4126 Technology Way, 3rd Floor
Carson City, NV 89706
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4. A description of how comments were solicited (i.e. notices), from affected businesses, a copy of their response, and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

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Public notices were posted at the following locations, in accordance with NRS Chapter 241:

DCFS, 500 E. Warm Springs Rd., Ste 100, Las Vegas, NV 89119
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Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services, 2655 Enterprise Rd., Reno, NV 89512
Nevada Youth Parole Bureau, 6171 W. Charleston Blvd., Bldg. 15, Las Vegas, NV 89146
DCFS, 1010 Ruby Vista Dr. Suite 101, Elko, NV 89801
DCFS, 1485 West Warm Springs #109 Henderson, NV 89014
Division of Child and Family Services website: [Regulations](#)
Nevada Legislature website: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us>
Nevada Public Notices website: <https://notice.nv.gov/>

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5. If, after consideration of public comment, the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.

There were no suggestions, feedback or revisions requested at the Intent to Adopt Regulations public meeting on June 29, 2026.

6. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and in each case must include:(a) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and (b) Both immediate and long-term effects.

- *Adverse immediate effects:* There are no anticipated immediate adverse economic effects.
- *Adverse long-term effects:* There are no anticipated long-term adverse economic effects.
- *Beneficial immediate effects:* There are no immediate beneficial economic effects.
- *Beneficial long-term effects:* These regulations align Nevada child welfare practices in compliance with federal requirements.

7. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

There is no estimated cost to implement or enforce the regulation.

8. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, name the regulating federal agency.

The proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any federal or Nevada state regulations.

9. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There are no federal regulations addressing the same activity.

10. If the regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee, a statement indicating the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

These regulations do not address any fees.