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Rule Report for Legislative Review
Information to Be Provided to Out-of-Home Care Providers
Chapter DCF 37
CR15-098

Basis and Purpose of the Proposed Rule

The proposed rule specifies the types of information about a child and the child's family that is to be provided to a prospective or actual out-of-home care provider.

Public Hearing Summary

The department held a public hearing in Madison on January 21, 2016. No comments were received. Four people representing two organizations observed for information only:

- Nehemiah Project, Milwaukee, by Marye Beth Dugan, Director.
- Adoption Choice, Inc., by Angie Flannery, Executive Director, Green Bay; Ashley Zsori, Administrator, Brookfield; and Kelsey Swanson, Adoption Counselor, Madison.

Response to Legislative Council Staff Recommendations

All comments were accepted, except for Comment 5.a. The current location is the best place for agencies to see the critical provision that prohibits them from including allegations that do not fall within a specified category in the information that is provided to out-of-home care providers.

Changes to Analysis Prepared under Section 227.14 (2), Stats.

The term for a child's caregiver is changed from "physical custodian" to "out-of-home care provider" and a cross-reference to s. 48.383, Stats., is added.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The rule will affect private child-placing agencies that are licensed under s. 48.60, Stats., but the effect will be minimal. The time and effort required to complete the forms that will be required under the proposed rule is similar to the existing forms required under ch. DCF 37,

Appendices A and B, and pre-placement forms required by group homes and residential care centers.

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