

Nebraska Normalcy Requirement Mapping

Nebraska Strengthening Families Act: Normalcy Policies & Requirements

Below is a categorical list of systemic partners responsible for the implementation of certain provisions of the Strengthening Families Act provisions.

Entity Responsible	What	Reference
DHHS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reasonable & Prudent Parent Standard, and, recognizing sex & labor human trafficking training requirements within the DHHS Rules & Regulations 2. All foster parents must be trained in RPPS 	Statute §43-4707
<p>Foster Homes Child-Caring Institutions contracted for Foster Care, or, Child Placing Agencies contracted for Agency Supported Foster Care by DHHS.</p> <p>Examples include Christian Heritage, KVC, Compass, Cedars, Better Living, etc.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reasonable & Prudent Parenting Standard training and policies for all foster parents. 2. Individual Child Monthly Placement Reports due to DHHS 	Statute §43-4706 DHHS- DCFS Subaward
<p>Group Homes, Shelters, and YRTCs</p> <p>Child Care Institutions contracted for congregate care by DHHS.</p> <p>Examples include Boys Town, Omaha Home for Boys, Cedars Emergency Shelter, Youth Care & Beyond, etc.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presence of onsite official who, is designated to be the caregiver <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. authorized to apply the RPPS, b. provided with training in how to use and apply the RPPS in the same manner as foster parents are provided in training and c. required to consult whenever possible with child and staff 2. All children placed at the child-care institution be notified verbally and in writing, in an age or developmentally appropriate manner, of the process for making a request to participate in age or developmentally appropriate activities and that a written notice of this process be posted in an accessible, public place in the child-care institution 3. A normalcy plan describing how the child-care institution will ensure that all children have access to age or developmentally appropriate activities to be filed with the department and 	Statute §43-4706 DHHS- DCFS Subaward

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	4. A normalcy report regarding the implementation of the normalcy plan to be filed with the department annually by June 30.	
DHHS & PromiseShip Case Managers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Court Report must document the steps the department is taking to ensure <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Child’s caregiver is following Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (RPPS) b. Child has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age/developmentally appropriate activities c. The Department has consulted with the child in an age/ developmentally appropriate manner about the opportunities of the child to participate in said activities; and d. Any barriers to participation in age/developmentally appropriate activities are identified and addressed. 	§43-4710; §43-285
Judicial Determination	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At every dispositional, reviewing or permanency hearings, the juvenile court must make a finding regarding: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The steps the department is taking to ensure the child’s foster family or child-care institution is following RPPS b. Whether the child has regular/ongoing opportunities to engage in age or developmentally appropriate activities; and c. Whether the department has consulted with the child in an appropriate manner about such activities 2. The court shall ask the child about their access to opportunities. 3. The court may make findings or orders to ensure the child has regular, ongoing access to opportunities 	§43-4711

Entities which were discovered to be left out:

1. Congregate Care placements contracted by entities other than DHHS (such as PromiseShip and Probation)
2. Treatment facilities licensed through hospitals such as PRTFs

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