

## 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"> <li>1. Reasonable &amp; Prudent Parent Standard, and, recognizing sex &amp; labor human trafficking training requirements within the DHHS Rules &amp; Regulations</li> <li>2. All foster parents must be trained in RPPS</li> </ol>	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"> <li>1. Reasonable &amp; Prudent Parenting Standard training and policies for all foster parents.</li> <li>2. Individual Child Monthly Placement Reports due to DHHS</li> </ol>	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 &amp; Beyond, etc.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presence of onsite official who, is designated to be the caregiver                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. authorized to apply the RPPS,</li> <li>b. provided with training in how to use and apply the RPPS in the same manner as foster parents are provided in training and</li> <li>c. required to consult whenever possible with child and staff</li> </ol> </li> <li>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</li> <li>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</li> </ol>	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	1. Court Report must document the steps the department is taking to ensure <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Child’s caregiver is following Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (RPPS)</li> <li>b. Child has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age/developmentally appropriate activities</li> <li>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</li> <li>d. Any barriers to participation in age/developmentally appropriate activities are identified and addressed.</li> </ol>	§43-4710; §43-285
Judicial Determination	1. At every dispositional, reviewing or permanency hearings, the juvenile court must make a finding regarding: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The steps the department is taking to ensure the child’s foster family or child-care institution is following RPPS</li> <li>b. Whether the child has regular/ongoing opportunities to engage in age or developmentally appropriate activities; and</li> <li>c. Whether the department has consulted with the child in an appropriate manner about such activities</li> </ol> 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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