

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND ELDER AFFAIRS
Senator Garcia, Chair
Senator Book, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, October 18, 2021
TIME: 4:00—6:00 p.m.
PLACE: *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Garcia, Chair; Senator Book, Vice Chair; Senators Albritton, Brodeur, Harrell, Rouson, Torres, and Wright

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1		Presentation by the Department of Children and Families providing an overview of out-of-home care placements and recruitment, retention, and licensure of caregivers.	Presented
2		Panel discussion on out-of-home care placements and issues pertinent to out-of-home caregivers, including: -Representatives from the Department of Children and Families -Andry Sweet, President and CEO, Children’s Home Society of Florida -Mike DiBrizzi, CEO, Camelot Community Care -Calyn Stringer, Licensed Foster Parent and Foster Family Support Recruiter & Trainer, Northwest Florida Health Network Foster Family -Irene Ruckus, President and CEO, Children’s Home Network -Paul Vernon, Foster Parent and Treasurer of Florida State Foster/Adoptive Parent Association	Discussed
Other Related Meeting Documents			



Florida Department of Children and

Families

Overview of Out-of-Home Care Placements and Caregivers
Presented by Ginger Griffeth, Director of Policy and Practice

Out of Home Placement

- Licensed Family Foster Home Placement Array
- Licensure Process
- Benefit/ Payment Structure
- Foster Parent Recruitment and Retention

Florida's Family Foster Home Placement Array

Levels of Licensure for Foster Care – Family Foster Homes



Child Specific Level I

- 4,764 Children
- 4,085 Providers



Non-Child Specific Level II

- 4798 Providers
- 9,460 Beds
- 6,100 Placed
- 3,360 Available



Human Trafficking Level III

- 27 Providers
- 27 Beds
- 9 Placed
- 18 Available



Therapeutic Level IV

- 424 Providers
- 840 Beds
- 500 Placed
- 340 Available



Medical Level V

- 205 Providers
- 481 Beds
- 313 Placed
- 168 Available

Licensure Process

- Background Screening
- Foster Parent Preparation Training
- Home Study Assessment
- Submission and Approval of License to DCF

High Level Licensure Differences

	Level I Child Specific	Level II Non-Child Specific	Level III Safe Foster Home for Human Trafficking	Level IV Therapeutic Foster Home	Level V Medical Foster Home
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to Protect Physical Environment Financial Resources Ability to care, nurture, and meet the child’s physical, emotional and educational needs. <p>F.S. 409.175, Non-safety requirements may be waivable.</p>	Same as Level 1	Same as Level 1 Medicaid Provider	Same as Level 1 Medicaid Provider	Same as Level 1 Medicaid Provider
Screening	<p>State and Federal Local/Civil Checks DJJ Sexual/ Predator Offender Abuse/ Neglect Checks</p> <p>F.S. 39.0138 F.A.C 65C-45.001</p>	<p>Same as Level 1 Conviction/Charge Additional Offenses/ Disqualifiers</p> <p>F.S. 39.0138 F.S. 435 F.A.C 65C-45.001</p>	<p>Same as Level 1 Conviction/Charge Additional Offenses/ Disqualifiers</p> <p>F.S. 39.0138 F.S. 435 F.A.C 65C-45.001</p>	<p>Same as Level 1 Conviction/Charge Additional Offenses/ Disqualifiers</p> <p>F.S. 39.0138 F.S. 435 F.A.C 65C-45.001</p>	<p>Same as Level 1 Conviction/Charge Additional Offenses/ Disqualifiers</p> <p>F.S. 39.0138 F.S. 435 F.A.C 65C-45.001</p>
Training	2 DCF licensing hours (online course)	21 DCF licensing hours	21 DCF licensing hours and 24 Commercial Sexual Exploitation hours	21 DCF licensing hours and 30 AHCA hours	21 DCF licensing hours and 32 AHCA hours

Benefit/Payment Structure

- Relative/ Non-Relative Placements Monthly Benefits
- Level I – II Foster Care Board Rates by Age
- Level III-V Foster Care Board Rates by Age and Medicaid Therapeutic Service Rates

Benefit/Payment Structure

Relative/Non-Relative Benefits (Non-Licensed)

Relative Caregiver Placements	Non IV-E
Children ages 0-5	\$242.00 Monthly
Children ages 6-12	\$249.00 Monthly
Children ages 13-17	\$298.00 Monthly
Nonrelative Caregiver Placement	Non IV-E
Children ages 0-5	\$242.00 Monthly
Children ages 6-12	\$249.00 Monthly
Children ages 13-17	\$298.00 Monthly

Licensed Payments

Level I Licensure (Child Specific)	IV-E Allowable
Children ages 0-17	\$333.00 Monthly
Level II Licensure (Non-Child Specific)	IV-E Allowable
Children ages 0-5	\$484.06 Monthly
Children ages 6-12	\$496.46 Monthly
Children ages 13-17	\$581.09 Monthly

Board Payments

Level III Licensure (Human Trafficking)	Medicaid Rate	IV-E Allowable
Children ages 13-17	AHCA Level II = \$135.50 per day.	\$581.09 Monthly
Level IV Licensure (Therapeutic)	Medicaid Rate	IV-E Allowable
Children ages 0-5	AHCA Level I: \$87.30 per day AHCA Level II: \$135.50 per day	\$484.06 Monthly
Children ages 6-12	AHCA Level I: \$87.30 per day AHCA Level II: \$135.50 per day	\$496.46 Monthly
Children ages 13-17	AHCA Level I: \$87.30 per day AHCA Level II: \$135.50 per day	\$581.09 Monthly
Level V Licensure (Medical)	Medicaid Rate	IV-E Allowable
Children ages 0-5	AHCA LOC 1 = \$38.80 per day AHCA LOC 2 = \$48.50 per day AHCA LOC 3 = \$67.90 per day	\$484.06 Monthly
Children ages 6-12	AHCA LOC 1 = \$38.80 per day AHCA LOC 2 = \$48.50 per day AHCA LOC 3 = \$67.90 per day	\$496.46 Monthly
Children ages 13-17	AHCA LOC 1 = \$38.80 per day AHCA LOC 2 = \$48.50 per day AHCA LOC 3 = \$67.90 per day	\$581.09 Monthly

Foster Parent Recruitment and Retention

- Foster Home Estimator Tool
- Localized CBC Recruitment Strategies
- Foster Family Information Center
- Level II Enhanced Foster Home

Questions?



CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: SB 37

Case No.:

Type:

Caption: Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee

Judge:

Started: 10/18/2021 3:59:51 PM

Ends: 10/18/2021 5:59:29 PM **Length:** 01:59:39

3:59:50 PM Meeting called to order by chair Garcia
3:59:55 PM Roll call
4:00:14 PM Quorum is present
4:00:23 PM Comments by chair Garcia
4:00:32 PM Take up tab 1: A presentation by the Department of Children and Families
4:00:42 PM Presentation on out-of-home care placement and recruitment, retention, and licensure of caregivers given by Ginger Griffeth
4:17:37 PM Questions? yes
4:18:39 PM Question by Senator Harrell
4:18:57 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:19:26 PM Follow-up question by Senator Harrell
4:20:23 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:20:44 PM Question by Senator Book
4:21:32 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:23:06 PM Follow-up question by Senator Book
4:23:41 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:23:57 PM Additional questions by Senator Book and responses by Ms. Griffeth
4:25:07 PM Follow-up question by Senator Book
4:25:25 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:26:05 PM Follow-up question by Senator Book
4:26:21 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:26:55 PM Follow-up question by Senator Book
4:27:13 PM Reponse by Ms. Griffeth
4:27:46 PM Follow-up question by Senator Book
4:28:00 PM Comments by Chair Garcia
4:28:35 PM Question by Senator Albritton
4:28:54 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:29:15 PM Comments by Senator Albritton
4:29:55 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:30:40 PM Follow-up question by Senator Albritton
4:30:59 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:31:15 PM Comment by Senator Albritton
4:32:04 PM Question by Senator Albritton
4:32:53 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:33:54 PM Follow-up Question by Senator Albritton
4:35:18 PM Comments by Chair Garcia
4:36:26 PM Question by Senator Wright
4:36:40 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:36:51 PM Follow-up question by Senator Wright
4:37:07 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:37:24 PM Follow-up question by Senator Wright and response by Ms. Griffeth
4:37:50 PM Question by Sen. Harrell

4:38:29 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:39:07 PM Question by Chair Garcia
4:39:20 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:40:22 PM Question by Senator Book
4:41:02 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:41:15 PM Follow-up Question by Sen. Book
4:41:28 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:41:35 PM Follow-up and Response
4:41:51 PM Additional question by Senator Book
4:42:02 PM Response by Ms. Griffeth
4:42:21 PM Comments by Chair Garcia
4:42:51 PM Tab 2: A panel Discussion on out-of-home care placement and issues Pertinent to out-of-home caregivers
4:43:46 PM Comments Sharron Washington, Dep'y Secretary of Operations
4:44:47 PM Comments by Chair Garcia
4:45:04 PM Speaking first by Mike Dibrizzi
4:52:28 PM Comments by Mike Dibrizzi
4:52:30 PM Chair Garcia makes comments
4:53:06 PM Paul Vernon, foster parent/Treasurer of Fla. State Foster Parents, makes comments
4:54:15 PM Calyn Stringer, foster parent/Foster Family Support Recruiter & Trainer, makes comments
4:56:48 PM Andry Sweet makes comments (Pres. & CEO of Children's Home Society of Fla.)
4:59:47 PM Comments by Chair Garcia
5:00:41 PM Suggestions?
5:00:54 PM Mr. Vernon offers suggestions
5:04:52 PM Question from Chair Garcia to Mr. Vernon
5:06:12 PM Question from Chair Garcia to Ms. Stringer
5:10:23 PM Questions?
5:10:36 PM Sen. Brodeur asks a question
5:11:39 PM Ms. Stringer answers
5:16:45 PM Sen. Brodeur has a follow-up for DCF
5:17:00 PM Dep'y Sec'y Washington responds
5:18:05 PM one more comment from Sen. Brodeur
5:19:00 PM comments by Chair Garcia
5:19:26 PM Sen. Harrell has a question
5:20:46 PM Mr. DiBrizzi answers
5:23:14 PM Follow-up answer from Ms. Sweet
5:27:53 PM Follow-up question from Sen. Harrell
5:29:14 PM Ms. Sweet answers
5:29:47 PM Vice chair Book asks a question
5:31:15 PM Mr. Vernon answers
5:33:31 PM Ms. Stringer has an additional comment
5:36:16 PM Vice chair has another question
5:36:59 PM Ms. Stringer proceeds answering question
5:37:32 PM Mr. Vernon adds comments
5:38:06 PM Follow-up by vice chair Book
5:40:00 PM Sen. Brodeur makes a remark
5:40:57 PM Mr. Vernon answers
5:42:05 PM Chair Garcia makes a comment
5:42:51 PM After clarification, Mr. Vernon continues
5:43:42 PM Mr. DiBrizzi comments with an idea
5:45:35 PM Sen. Brodeur has follow-up comment

5:46:08 PM Sen. Torres has a question
5:47:45 PM Chair Garcia speaks, wants to further conversation re: abuse
5:48:28 PM Ms. Griffeth answers
5:50:52 PM Follow-up by Dep'y Sec'y Washington
5:51:52 PM Chair Garcia offers comments
5:53:11 PM Mr. Vernon has follow-up comment on abuse
5:53:48 PM Chair Garcia speaks
5:54:04 PM Sen. Rouson comments
5:55:12 PM Additional comments?
5:55:18 PM Ms. Stringer offers another idea
5:57:12 PM Chair Garcia calls on Sen. Wright
5:57:25 PM Sen. Wright makes comment
5:58:26 PM Chair thanks the panel
5:58:52 PM Sen. Rouson moves to adjourn