

**CLINTON COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
FOSTER CARE PROGRAM
GOOD CAUSE POLICY**

In accordance with 5101:2-5-33 of the Administrative Code, Clinton County Job and Family Services has established the following policy regarding the waiver of continuing training hours for a Family Foster Home.

- A. All foster parents holding a certificate for a Family Foster Home must complete twenty hours of continuing training each year and have completed a total of 40 hours at the time of recertification. Clinton County Job and Family Services will waive up to 10 hours of continuing training a year for “good cause” if the following factors are present in the foster home:
1. A documented illness of a member of the foster family.
 2. A critical injury involving a member of the foster family.
 3. The event of a critical emergency in the foster family.
 4. Lack of accessible training.
- B. A recommending agency may waive up to four hours of continuing training that a foster caregiver holding a certificate for a Family Foster Home recommended for certification by the agency is otherwise required by paragraph (C) of this rule to complete in a year if all of the following apply:
1. The foster caregiver has provided foster care for at least two years.
 2. The foster caregiver has provided foster care for at least ninety days of the twelve months preceding the date the agency issues the waiver;
 3. The foster caregiver has not violated any requirements governing certification of foster homes during the twelve months preceding the date the agency issues the waiver.
 4. The foster caregiver has complied in full with the needs assessment and continuing training plan developed for the foster caregiver under paragraph (H) of this rule.
 5. The waiver is in compliance with the agency’s policy that has been established pursuant to Rule 5101:2-5-13 of the Administrative Code regarding good cause for a foster caregiver’s failure to complete the continuing training requirements of Paragraph (B) of this rule.

For each continuing training waiver approved by a recommending agency for a Family Foster Home pursuant to Paragraph (H) of this rule the following documentation shall be maintained in the foster caregiver's record:

- 1. The date of the waiver**
- 2. The number of hours or training waived**
- 3. A statement that each of the requirements of Paragraph (H) of this rule have been met, and,**
- 4. The name and signature of the authorized agency representative who approved the waiver.**

PURSANT TO SECTION 3 OF SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 332 AS ENACTED BY THE 123RD OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (C)(3) AND (C)(7) OF THE RULE SHALL NOT APPLY TO A FOSTER CAREGIVER HOLDING A VALID CERTIFICATE TO OPERATE A FAMILY FOSTER HOME ON JANUARY 1, 2001.

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