

## CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY

### **NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AND PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

The Director of the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), pursuant to sections 303(a-1) (10 ) and (12) of the Child and Family Services Agency Establishment Amendment Act of 2000, effective April 4, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-277, D.C. Official Code § 4-1303.03(a-1) (10) and (12) (2012 Repl.)), hereby gives notice of the adoption, on an emergency basis, of the following amendments to chapter 62 (Licensing of Youth Shelters, Runaway Shelters, Emergency Care Facilities, and Youth Group Homes) of Title 29 (Public Welfare) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

This emergency action is necessary to immediately protect the health, safety, and welfare of children receiving care in a youth shelter, emergency care facility, or youth group home, by ensuring these children have the adequate supervision and care necessary for their well-being.

This emergency rule was adopted on August 16, 2019 and became effective immediately on that date. The emergency rule will expire one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of adoption, December 14, 2019, or upon publication of a Notice of Final Rulemaking in the *D.C. Register*, whichever occurs first.

The Director of CFSA also gives notice of her intent to adopt this rule, in final, in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*.

**Chapter 62, LICENSING OF YOUTH SHELTERS, RUNAWAY SHELTERS, EMERGENCY CARE FACILITIES, AND YOUTH GROUP HOMES, of Title 29 of the DCMR, is amended as follows:**

**Section 6219, Operating Procedures and Staffing, is amended as follows:**

**Subsection 6219.12 is amended to read as follows:**

6219.12 CFSA shall not license a facility that has a capacity of more than fifteen (15) residents. CFSA shall not place residents in a facility with a capacity of more than eight (8) residents without the express written approval of the CFSA Director, as detailed in § 6256.3.

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of this proposed rulemaking should file comments in writing within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. Comments should be filed with Cory Chandler, General Counsel, Child and Family Services Agency, 200 I Street, SE Washington, D.C. 20003 or [Cory.Chandler@dc.gov](mailto:Cory.Chandler@dc.gov) or online at [dcregs.dc.gov](http://dcregs.dc.gov). Copies of these proposed rules may be obtained without charge at the address above or online at [dcregs.dc.gov](http://dcregs.dc.gov).