POLICY TITLE:



Standards for Ongoing Case Management of Children at Home with a Sibling in Foster Care

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY

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Ι.	AUTHORITY	Y The Director of the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA or Agency) adopts this policy to be consistent with the Agency's mission, and applicable federal and District of Columbia laws and regulations including, but not limited to, provisions in Titles 4 and 16 of the DC Official Code and the LaShawn A. v. Bowser Implementation and Exit Plan (December 17, 2010).		
II.	APPLICABILITY	All Agency employees and contracted agency personnel, and provider contracted personnel.		
III.	RATIONALE	Abuse and neglect can impact children within the same family in different ways, depending on the age of the child and the circumstances surrounding the maltreatment. Safety issues for one or more children may warrant a home removal even if there are no safety issues or risk for other siblings, who may then remain safely at home. In some situations, parents of a child who has been removed from the home may have a subsequent birth, and the Agency determines that there are no safety concerns with respect to the infant, who can then safely remain in the home.		
		Social workers must individually assess safety and service needs for all children in the family, irrespective of whether the children are in foster car Depending on the safety concerns or risk factors for the children remainin in the family home, social workers must follow clear criteria for determinin whether ongoing case management of those children is necessary and clear guidelines for disengagement when appropriate, even while other children in the family may be in foster care.		
IV.	POLICY	It is CFSA's policy to mak child victim of abuse or ne caretakers. Home remova child's safety.	eglect from the home of th	eir parents or
		When the decision is mad but leave one or more oth must assess and then cle each child in the home an	er children in the home, the arly document the safety	he removing worker and risk of harm for
		Ongoing case manageme occur as long as there are		
		If a social worker (or othe a child who is not receivin made to the CFSA abuse statute and Agency policy	g case management serv and neglect hotline in acc	rices, a report is to be

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VI. SECTIONS	Section A: Criteria for Ongoing Engagement of Children who Remain in the Home		
	Visitation, assessment and case management for children remaining in the home should commence or continue only if at least one of the following conditions is present:		
	a. At least one of the children in the home is a named respondent in an open neglect or protective supervision proceeding.		
	b. There are ongoing safety concerns as evidenced by:		
	 A substantiated allegation of abuse or neglect within the past 60 days involving a child remaining in the home with an open in home or foster care case; or, 		
	ii. An active Child Protective Services investigation.		
	c. A new child has become part of the household since the most recent safety assessment, and a new safety assessment has yet to be completed for the child.		
	 Following confirmation of the absence of conditions a. through c. above, a follow-up safety assessment indicates concerns that warrant ongoing agency involvement. 		
	Frequency of visitation for a child remaining in the home shall be consistent with requirements for visitation of families receiving in-home services, as outlined in <u>CFSA's Visitation Policy</u> .		
	Ongoing visitation, assessment and case management of a child who is part of the household may be discontinued if the child has <i>permanently</i> moved out of the household and into the home of another caretaker in whose home there are no safety concerns.		
	 The Agency must assess and determine whether the move is permanent. If it is a temporary move only, then ongoing requirements remain in place. 		

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