

THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 280 of 1939

400.18c Foster care of children; use of licensed child caring institutions or placement agencies; supervision by county department; standards of care and service; placement of child at least 16 but less than 21 years of age or at least 18 but less than 21 years of age.

Sec. 18c. (1) Foster care financed by a county department shall be provided by the use of licensed child caring institutions or placement agencies, in accordance with the needs of the child, or if licensed child caring institutions or placement agencies are not available, or there is a religious conflict, foster care shall be provided under the direct supervision of the county department, which care shall meet the following standards of care and service:

(a) Personnel engaged in placement and supervision of children in foster care shall have qualifying training and experience.

(b) Adequate records shall be maintained with information on the physical and mental health of the child, his or her emotional stability and family background, together with the reasons for the child's placement away from home to aid in planning for any child placed by the department, toward the end that the child may be reunited with his or her family as soon as it appears possible.

(c) Family foster homes used by the department shall be selected with consideration of the religious, racial, and cultural background of the child to be placed and children thus placed shall be visited in these homes at least once a month.

(2) The department may place a child who is at least 16 but less than 21 years of age in an unlicensed residence to live independently, or in the unlicensed residence of an adult who has no supervisory responsibility for the child, if the department maintains supervisory responsibility for that child. If the child is at least 18 but less than 21 years of age, he or she must meet the requirements of the young adult voluntary foster care act.

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