

Washoe County Human Services Agency

Regulations for Child Care Facilities Additional Requirements For Special Needs Center

SECTION 33 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD CARE CENTER

- 33.1 Assessment. Before a child may be admitted to a special needs facility, the child's parents, the appropriate members of the staff of the facility and any appropriate specialist shall meet to determine whether the needs of the child can be adequately met by the facility and to ascertain the information and training which must be obtained from the child's parents and other persons who provide services to the child.
- 33.2 Plan of service. A special needs facility shall provide the members of its staff with appropriate training and prepare a written plan of service for each child with special needs it accepts. The plan of service must contain:
- A. The name, age, and date of birth of the child;
 - B. The name, address, and telephone number of the parents of the child;
 - C. Any information needed to contact the parents of the child;
 - D. Any information needed to contact an appropriate person in an emergency;
 - E. The name and telephone number of any physician or specialist who is treating the child;
 - F. The name and telephone number of any special consultants who are available to the facility to assist in the care or treatment of the child;
 - G. The signatures of all persons participating in and agreeing to abide by the plan;
 - H. If relevant to the plan, a diagnosis of the child's special condition;
 - I. Any special needs of the child, precautions or arrangements concerning:
 - 1. Diet and feeding;
 - 2. Devices and equipment;
 - 3. Positioning;
 - 4. Body wastes;
 - 5. Communication; and
 - 6. Management of behavior.
 - J. Any specific plans for training the members of the staff of the facility regarding any needs, precautions or arrangements identified pursuant to Subsection I; and

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- K. A date for review of the plan by the parents of the child, the appropriate members of the staff of the facility, and the physician of the child, if appropriate.
- 33.3 Structural adaptations. All facilities which provide care for children with physical handicaps shall have any of the following structural adaptations which are appropriate to the specific needs of each child present as described in the child's individual assessment, including as required:
- A. Ramps on all outside and inside stairs or elevators available for use;
 - B. Handrails on both sides of stairs used by the children;
 - C. An entrance ramp with handrails if facility entrance is above ground level;
 - D. Sufficient space between beds and cots to accommodate wheel chairs when necessary; and
 - E. Must comply with all local fire, building, and health codes.