



## ***Probation Service Definition***

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PROBATION

<b>SERVICE NAME</b>	<b>Relative/Kinship Foster Care</b> <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile</span>
<b>Category</b>	Out-of-Home (OHP) Placement / Non-treatment
<b>Setting</b>	Residential
<b>Facility License</b>	Residential Child Placing Agency License as approved by DHHS Public Health
<b>Service Description</b>	Relative/kinship foster care is a temporary placement that is provided in an unlicensed relative/kinship home. Relative/kinship foster care home must be associated with an agency, must have completed a relative/kinship home evaluation, and must be approved by the Court. The relative/kinship foster home provides 24 hour supervision for youth by someone known to the child. Youth in foster care consistent behavior management, supervision and support. Foster families will provide a safe, secure, least restrictive and nurturing environment to help youth facilitate change in their behavior, attitudes, and personal interactions.
<b>Service Expectations</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop an Individualized Service Plan with the youth’s family, youth, relative/kinship foster family, associated agency, probation officer and other stakeholders identified, enabling the youth to move back home as soon as service goals are met. The plan must address goals and criminogenic risk.</li> <li>2. Participation in monthly family team meetings.</li> <li>3. The supporting agency and relative/kinship foster home will partner with the youth’s identified family to ensure family voice and choice and that transition planning occurs timely and intentionally.</li> <li>4. Structured living environment to include evidence based youth development principles, community engagement and support, and family engagement.</li> <li>5. Family engagement shall include regular phone contact, visitation with family members, and family engagement shall be flexible to meet the non-traditional hours needed by families. Phone contact and visits shall not be tied to behaviors and shall not be removed as consequences.</li> <li>6. Intentional home visits should be planned with the youths family, youth, relative/kinship foster family, associated agency, and probation officer and shall be utilized to enhance family functioning and in the achievement of service goals. Home visits shall be in the family home and the visits shall not be removed as a consequence of behavior.</li> <li>7. Relative/kinship foster family and associated agency will ensure that educational needs are being met. Youth shall attend their home school whenever possible.</li> </ol>

	<p>8. The associated agency will ensure 24-hour crisis intervention is available to aid in the stabilization of crisis situations.</p> <p>9. Provide transport as necessary to and from dental and medical appointment, school, court, therapy, home visits, and routine day to day activities. Transportation costs for the first 100 miles in a calendar month will be the responsibility of the relative/kinship foster family. Transportation beyond that radius will be the responsibility of the parent.</p> <p>10. The relative/kinship foster family and associated agency will aid the probation officer in transition planning to begin upon admission to the relative/kinship foster home. Criteria for discharge will be individualized, determined by the team, and approved by the court.</p>
<b>Service Frequency</b>	24-hour
<b>Length of Stay</b>	Up to 6 months
<b>Staffing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed by the State of Nebraska</li> <li>• Relative/kinship foster home and supporting agency will comply with all staffing requirements of the Residential Child Placing Agency license. All foster families will have an understanding of evidence based youth development principles, best practice in juvenile justice, and criminogenic risk and needs.</li> </ul>
<b>Staff to Client Ratio</b>	Staffing ratios will be provided base on DHHS licensing regulations for foster homes
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	24-hour/day
<b>Service Desired Outcomes</b>	Youth will stabilize and show improved functioning based on successful completion of individualized plan, including initial goals and reduction of identified criminogenic domains. Prevention of placement in a more restrictive environment, and a demonstration of improved family functioning. The primary outcome is to enable the youth to move back home as soon as service goals are met.
<b>Unit and Rate</b>	Per day

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