



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5180:2-42-65.1 Exit interviews when a child in custody leaves an out of home placement.

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(A) The title IV-E agency or private child placing agency (PCPA) that holds custody of a child shall conduct a face to face exit interview with every child age five and older, as developmentally appropriate, within seven days after the child's exit from each foster care placement.

(1) The information gathered during the interview shall be dependent on the age and developmental level of the child. The interviewer's observations and any information to explain the child's responses shall be recorded on the JFS 01678 "Foster Care Exit Interview."

(2) If the child alleges abuse, neglect or any maltreatment during the exit interview, the interviewer shall make a report in accordance with section 2151.421 of the Revised Code.

(B) The title IV-E agency shall complete the interview form in the Ohio statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS).

(C) The PCPA shall complete the JFS 01678 and place it in the child's case record and the caregiver's record. If the caregiver is not certified by the PCPA, the PCPA shall send a copy of the form to the recommending agency of the caregiver within seven days of the completed interview.

(D) Upon receipt of the form, the recommending agency shall discuss any concerns with the foster parent. If deemed necessary by the recommending agency, an action plan shall be developed within thirty days of the date the agency was notified of the concern. The plan may include but is not limited to providing more intense supervision, support, or training for the caregiver. If the concern warrants a rule violation investigation, then rule 5101:2-5-28 of the Administrative Code shall apply and may result in more formal enforcement, up to and including revocation of the foster home certificate.

(E) The title IV-E agency or PCPA is not required to complete the exit interview:



- (1) When children in their custody are moved from residential care facilities or non-licensed providers.

- (2) When a child was in the placement for less than seventy-two hours.

- (3) When the child's placement type changes from foster care to adoption and the child remains in the same home.