

Foster Parent's Choice of

Sites and Type of Child Care

New rule 65C-13.030(2)(d) requires that child care for children in licensed out-of-home care shall be chosen by the caregiver(s) according the following order:

OPTION ONE: Gold Seal

The Gold Seal Quality Care program acknowledges child care facilities and family day care homes that are accredited by nationally recognized agencies and whose standards reflect quality in the level of care and supervision provided to children. To access the list of current DCF-approved agencies participating in the Gold Seal Quality Care Program, visit <http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/gold-seal-map>.

OPTION TWO: Licensed Centers

Licensed centers must pass an initial inspection to ensure all licensing standards have been met. Licensed centers are also re-inspected to follow up on health and safety standards.

OPTION THREE: School-Age Care Licensed Programs

Licensed programs must pass inspections to ensure that all standards required by law are met.

OPTION FOUR: Religious-Exempt Centers

Some religious centers are exempt from child care licensing. These centers must be an integral part of a church or faith-based school.

If there is deviation from the order of providers listed in rule the cause for deviation must be documented. Please complete the attached form with your Caseworker. The form **must** be attached with the Child Care Authorization Form in order to complete the enrollment process at the Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County (ELCAC).

List of Providers

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R): All families can receive free help in researching and selecting early education programs that best meet their needs. CCR&R can provide you with assistance in locating Certified School Readiness Child Care Providers. Trained staff can answer your questions about choosing the best early learning program for your family and provide you with resources and recommendations on programs that are customized to your preferences. In addition, you will receive information about child development and developmentally appropriate practices. They can also offer you information about other services and resources available in your community. Contact CCR&R by calling 352-375-4104, or at <http://elcalachua.org/child-care-resource-referral/> to request a list of child care providers.

In order to complete enrollment and payment process the foster parent, must visit ELCAC prior to the child attending child care program. If the child attends the child care program prior to the foster parent visiting ELCAC they will be held responsible for all fees accrued.

Provider Transfer Request

To confirm the caseworker's approval of a provider transfer request, this form must also be completed by the foster caregiver and caseworker and submitted to ELCAC.

Parent Co-Payment

ELCAC will assess a daily parent co-payment for each child whose current foster caregiver does not qualify for a fee waiver. The daily co-payment will be determine based on any income the child may receive such as child support or disability. In most cases, the parent co-payment is the lowest fee assessed by the coalition (currently \$1 daily and \$.50 for each sibling).

Be informed that child care providers may charge additional fees above the parent co-payment that the foster caregiver will be responsible for paying. These may include additional tuition fees, registration fees, supply fees, etc. When selecting a provider, the foster family should inquire about such fees.

Foster Care Provider Verification

Section One:

FOSTER HOME PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Foster Parent Name (first & last)	Sex M/F	D/O/B	Phone #	() - cell/home
1)			Residential Address	Address Apt/Lot
2)			<input type="checkbox"/> Mailing Same	City ST Zip
			Mailing (if different)	

CHILDREN REQUIRING SERVICES

Child(ren) Legal Name (first and last)	Sex M/F	D/O/B	Approved School /Daycare

Section Two:

Please indicate the location you chose and the reason(s) you may have deviated from the order of providers listed in rule.

OPTION ONE: Gold Seal

OPTION TWO: Licensed Centers – Indicate reasons why option one was not chosen
 No Availability; Location; Quality; Cost; Other (please explain) _____

OPTION THREE: School-Age Care Licensed Programs – Indicate reasons why options 1 & 2 were not chosen
 No Availability; Location; Quality; Cost; Other (please explain) _____

OPTION FOUR: Religious-Exempt Centers – Indicate reasons why options 1 – 3 were not chosen
 No Availability; Location; Quality; Cost; Other (please explain) _____

Section Three:

Foster Parent

I, _____, understand the state requirements regarding the process in which to select a child care provider for the foster child(ren) that have been placed in my care. It is through the required steps that I have chosen the above child care provider for placement for the foster child(ren) listed.

Signature

Date

Case Worker/Manager – (SIGNATURE REQUIRED ONLY WHEN GOLD SEAL IS NOT SELECTED)

I, _____, approve of the above selected child care provider location for the foster child(ren) with the understanding that the foster parent utilized the State required steps in selecting the child care provider listed above.

Signature

Date