

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

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  - e. Provisions for on-the-job training by experienced direct care staff to provide support to new staff until these staff members are able to adequately care for the children (See Staff Development and In-Service Training)
  - f. Procedures for scheduling staff hours and assignments in advance
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- k. Employee's start and termination dates and reason for separation
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