

Changes to Language in Statute

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(HSC: Health and Safety Code; WIC: Welfare and Institutions Code)

Subject	New/Revised (1/1/2018)
Dual Certification/Approval as FFA Resource Family and Certification as a Host Family	<p>HSC 1506(a)(4)(A-B) <i>(4) (A) A certified family home or resource family of a foster family agency may be concurrently certified as a host family pursuant to Section 1559.110 if the home is certified by the same private, nonprofit organization licensed to operate as a transitional housing placement provider and foster family agency.</i> <i>(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 1559.110, a host family certified pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall comply with the laws applicable to a certified family home or resource family, as determined by the department, for each participant placed with the host family.</i></p>
Program Name Changes	<p>HSC 1559.110 (a)(2)((A-B) <i>(a) (1) The State Department of Social Services shall license transitional housing placement providers pursuant to this chapter.</i> <i>(2) A transitional housing placement provider may operate either of the following programs, as described in Section 16522.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code:</i> <i>(A) A Transitional Housing Placement program for participants who are minor foster children.</i> <i>(B) A Transitional Housing Placement program for participants who are nonminor dependents.</i></p>
Types of Living Unit Definitions	<p>HSC 1559.110(d)(1-3) <i>(d) Transitional housing units shall include any of the following:</i> <i>(1) A host family certified by a transitional housing placement provider with whom a participant lives in an apartment, single-family dwelling, or condominium owned, rented, or leased by the host family.</i> <i>(2) A staffed site in which a participant lives in an apartment, single-family dwelling, or condominium owned, rented, or leased by a transitional housing placement provider</i></p>

	<p>either with an adult employee of the provider who provides supervision or in a building in which one or more adult employees of the provider reside and provide supervision.</p> <p>(3) A remote site in which a participant lives independently in an apartment, single-family dwelling, or condominium owned, rented, or leased by a transitional housing placement provider under the supervision of the provider if the department provides approval. The remote site shall only be available to nonminor dependents.</p>
Signing Lease Agreements	<p>HSC 1559.110(e)(1)</p> <p>(e) (1) A transitional housing placement provider may cosign a lease with a nonminor dependent as specified by the department.</p> <p>(2) A participant shall not be permitted to solely sign a rental or lease agreement.</p>
Bedroom Sharing for NMDs	<p>HSC 1559.110(g)(2)(E))(i-v)</p> <p>(E) Allow a nonminor dependent participant to share a bedroom in a transitional housing unit with any of the following persons:</p> <p>(i) Another participant as approved by the provider.</p> <p>(ii) A participant in Transitional Housing Program-Plus, as defined in subdivision (s) of Section 11400 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as approved by the provider.</p> <p>(iii) A nonparticipant roommate as approved by the provider on a case-by-case basis, as specified by the department.</p> <p>(iv) The participant's children.</p> <p>(v) Any other person as specified by the department.</p> <p>(G) Any adult who is not a participant, including participants in Transitional Housing Program-Plus, as defined in subdivision (s) of Section 11400 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and who resides with a participant shall obtain a criminal record clearance or exemption in accordance with Section 1522.</p>
Bedroom Sharing for Minors	<p>HSC 1559.110(g)(2)(F))(i-v)</p> <p>(E) Allow a minor participant to share a bedroom in a transitional housing unit with any of the following persons:</p> <p>(i) Another participant as approved by the provider.</p> <p>(ii) A participant in Transitional Housing Program-Plus, as defined in subdivision (s) of Section 11400 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as approved by the provider.</p> <p>(iii) The participant's children.</p> <p>(iv) A nonparticipant roommate as approved by the provider on a case-by-case basis, as specified by the department.</p> <p>(v) Any other person as specified by the department.</p> <p>(G) Any adult who is not a participant, including participants in Transitional Housing Program-Plus, as defined in subdivision (s) of Section 11400 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and who resides with a participant shall obtain a criminal record clearance or exemption in accordance with Section 1522.</p>
Program Manager Qualifications for Education	<p>HSC 1559.110(h)(1-2)(A-K)</p> <p>(h) (1) A program manager for a Transitional Housing Placement program for nonminor dependents shall have a master's degree or higher from an accredited or state-approved graduate school, or equivalent education and experience, as determined by the department.</p> <p>(2) Persons who possess a master's degree or higher from an accredited or state-approved graduate school in any of the following areas, or equivalent education and</p>

	<p>experience, as determined by the department, shall be considered to be qualified to perform program manager activities in a Transitional Housing Placement program for nonminor dependents:</p> <p>(A) Marriage, family, and child counseling. (B) Child psychology. (C) Child development. (D) Counseling psychology. (E) Social psychology. (F) Clinical psychology. (G) Educational psychology. (H) Education, with emphasis on counseling. (I) Social work or social welfare. (J) An area that includes the counseling or psychotherapy content required for licensure as a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, as specified in Sections 4999.32 and 4999.33 of the Business and Professions Code. (K) A subject area that is functionally equivalent to those listed in subparagraphs (A) to (J), inclusive, as set forth by the department.</p>
<p>Program Manager Qualifications for Experience</p>	<p>HSC 1559.110(i)(1)(A-D)</p> <p>(i) (1) (A) In addition to the degree specifications in subdivision (b), a program manager for a Transitional Housing Placement program for nonminor dependents shall have a minimum of two years' experience in a public or private child welfare social services setting or specific experience working with transition age youth who are 16 to 24 years of age, inclusive.</p>
<p>Program Manager for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation • Grandfathering in Staff • Exceptions 	<p>HSC 1559.110(i)(1)(B) (C) (D) and (j)(1-3)</p> <p>(i) (1) (B) Documentation of the completed education and experience requirements shall be maintained in the personnel file. (C) A transitional housing placement provider may request an exception, as specified in subdivision (j), for a person who does not meet the requirements specified in this subdivision or subdivision (b). (D) Persons who were hired as program managers prior to January 1, 2018, shall not be required to meet the requirements of this subdivision in order to remain employed as program managers. (j) (1) A transitional housing placement provider shall apply to the department, using the process established by the department, to request an exception to the requirements of subdivision (b) or (i) based on completion of equivalent education and experience. (2) The department may grant exceptions to the requirements described in subdivisions (b) and (i) if the person to whom the exception would apply has a baccalaureate degree from an accredited or state-approved college or university. (3) The department shall approve or deny exceptions to the requirements described in subdivisions (b) and (i) within 30 days of receiving the exception request from the provider.</p>
<p>Case Manager Qualifications for Education</p>	<p>HSC 1559.110(k)(1)</p> <p>(k) (1) A case manager for a Transitional Housing Placement program for nonminor dependents shall meet either of the following requirements: (A) A minimum of a baccalaureate degree in any of the areas specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b). (B) A minimum of a baccalaureate degree in an area not specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) and a minimum of two years' experience in a public or private child</p>

	<i>welfare social services setting, or specific experience working with transition age youth who are 16 to 24 years of age, inclusive.</i>
<p>Case Manager for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation • Grandfathering in Staff • Exceptions 	<p>HSC 1559.110(k)(2-4)</p> <p><i>(k) (2) Documentation of the completed education and experience requirements shall be maintained in the personnel file.</i></p> <p><i>(3) Persons who were hired as case managers prior to January 1, 2018, shall not be required to meet the requirements of this subdivision in order to remain employed as a case manager.</i></p> <p><i>(4) A transitional housing placement provider shall apply to the department, using the process established by the department, to request an exception to the requirements of subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) based on completion of equivalent education and experience shall apply to the department using the process established by the department.</i></p>
<p>Case Manager Staffing Ratio Shared Average Caseload 1:12</p>	<p>WIC 16522.1(c)(5)</p> <p><i>A THP for NMD program shall confirm that the program provides for:</i></p> <p><i>(5) Maintain a program staffing ratio for nonminor dependents of case manager to participant not to exceed a shared average caseload of 1 to 12, inclusive, with a designated lead case manager assigned to each youth.</i></p>
<p>Program Change for THP for Minors: nonparticipant roommates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providers need to confirm their program provides for how they will address “the approval of any nonparticipant roommates” 	<p>WIC 16522.1(b)(9)(V)</p> <p><i>The approval of any nonparticipant roommates.</i></p>
<p>Program Change for THP for NMDs: nonparticipant roommates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providers need to confirm how their program provides for how they will establish a policy with counties for “the approval of any nonparticipant roommates” 	<p>WIC 16522.1(c)(6)</p> <p><i>(6) That the provider has established a process, which includes the county if the county chooses to participate, to evaluate whether a participant may be placed with a nonparticipant.</i></p>