

**LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF LICENSED FOSTER CAREGIVERS**

**SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES**

<b>ORC:</b> NA  <b>OAC:</b> 5101:2-5-13(A)(8)(a)  <b>USC:</b> NA  <b>CFR:</b> NA	<b>ORIGINAL:</b> 02/01  <b>REVISIONS:</b> 08/06; 09/06; 07/15  <b>RELATED FORM(S):</b> N/A  <b>RELATED PROCEDURE/POLICY(IES):</b> N/A
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All Staff       Bargaining Unit       Non-Bargaining       Management

**POLICY:**

Summit County Children Services (SCCS) may provide legal representation for licensed foster caregivers and explains such representation during the initial orientation for potential foster caregivers.

**PROCEDURE:**

SCCS may provide legal representation, including legal counseling and advocacy, to licensed foster caregivers who contract with SCCS to provide foster care for children in SCCS's custody. The determination to provide such legal representation shall be within the sole discretion of SCCS, and made on a case by case basis. SCCS's provision of legal representation applies to actions filed against licensed foster caregivers in federal or state court when actions arise within the scope of their contractual duties, responsibilities and obligations, and whose conduct is not adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be intentional, malicious, wanton, reckless or criminal.

SCCS shall have the option to provide legal representation in the form of group liability insurance; however, SCCS is not required to purchase such insurance to comply with this procedure.