

## Shared Foster Homes

### SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

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All Staff      
 Bargaining Unit      
 Non-Bargaining      
 Management

**POLICY:**

Summit County Children Services (SCCS) may request to share a foster home which has been certified by another agency. Additionally, SCCS may agree to share a foster home that SCCS has recommended for certification with another agency.

**PROCEDURE:**

In the event SCCS wants to share a foster home that has been recommended for certification by another agency, SCCS is responsible for obtaining a written agreement signed by the agency that recommended the home for certification. If another agency wants to use a foster home SCCS has recommended for certification, it is the responsibility of the requesting agency to obtain the signed agreement. The shared home agreement must be signed by the SCCS Director of Placement Services and an authorized representative from the agency sharing the home. The signed agreement must contain a statement of how the home is to be used and that all parties affected by the agreement approve of it. The decision to share a home is based on the best interest of all the children in the home. The recommending agency shall provide a written copy of the agreement to the foster caregiver(s) and any other agency using the home for placement.

The recommending agency must notify the custodial agency of any of the following:

- Serious injury or illness involving medical treatment of the foster child.
- Death of a foster child.
- Unauthorized absence of the foster child from the home.
- Removal or attempted removal of the child from the home by any person or agency other than the placing agency.
- Any involvement of the foster child with law enforcement authorities.

If SCCS is providing care for a child in the custody of another agency and any of the above events occur,

SCCS assigned foster care coordinator and/or supervisor will contact the custodial agency.

If a caseworker becomes aware that a kinship provider is also a licensed foster home in another county, that worker must contact the Supervisor of Placement to request the initiation of a shared home agreement. The Supervisor of Placement assigns a caseworker to complete the shared home agreement.

SCCS retains the right to agree or not agree to the sharing of a foster home.