

CR-103 P Language Changes from Public Comment Received

WAC 388-145-1305

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WAC 388-148-1605

Who can watch my foster child when I am away from home?

(1) You may use a respite provider as defined in WAC [388-148-1600](#).

(2) You may also use a friend or relative as a substitute care provider for foster children without arranging for a background check. Care provided on an occasional basis, for less than seventy-two hours, will be at your own expense. This may occur when you have no reason to suspect the substitute care provider would be a risk to children, or has no founded child abuse or neglect history or criminal history that would disqualify them from caring for children. You must also:

(a) Be familiar and comfortable with the person who will be caring for the child;

(b) Meet with the substitute care provider and review the expectations regarding supervision and discipline of the foster children;

(c) Be responsible for providing the care provider any special care instructions; and

(d) Tell the substitute care provider how to contact you in case of an emergency.

(3) If the care by the substitute care provider is a regular arrangement, you must have written approval from the child's worker. The person must provide evidence of a cleared [Washington state patrol](#) background check and meet additional requirements for members of the household as defined in WAC [388-148-1320 \(2\) and \(4\)](#).

(4) Based on the special needs of a child, the DSHS worker may require the substitute care provider to have additional skills or training.

(5) Teenagers, age sixteen and seventeen, who meet all requirements stated in this section, may supervise no more than three foster children.

(6) Foster children may provide short-term babysitting for children not in foster care. Sexually aggressive and physically assaultive youth may not babysit other children.