



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5180:3-1-07 Delegation of responsibilities and contracting for the performance of specified agency duties.

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(A) Who may a public children services agency (PCSA) enter into a contract with to assist performing its duties?

Except as specified in paragraph (B) of this rule, a PCSA may enter into a contract with a county department of job and family services (CDJFS); county boards of mental health and addiction services; county boards of developmental disabilities; regional councils of political subdivisions established under Chapter 167. of the Revised Code; private and government providers of services; or managed care organizations and prepaid health plans to assist in performing the duties assigned to the PCSA.

(1) If the county board of children services serves as the PCSA, contracting follows the provisions pursuant to division (C)(2)(a) of section 5153.16 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the CDJFS or a private governmental entity serves as the PCSA, the county commissioners can contract for those services as provided pursuant to section 307.982 and divisions (C)(2)(b) and (C)(2)(c) of section 5153.16 of the Revised Code.

(B) Can a PCSA delegate its investigation duties through a contract?

No. A PCSA is not to enter into a contract with any other entity to delegate the responsibility of performing investigation duties as outlined in section 2151.421 of the Revised Code.

(C) What is a PCSA expected to obtain prior to entering into a contract with an agency, organization, provider, or individual?

Prior to entering into a contract, the PCSA is to ensure the agency, organization, provider, or individual holds all required state licensure credentials necessary to perform the duties specified in the contract.

(D) What is to be included in agreements or contracts related to child placement?

When a contract is executed between a PCSA and another private or government provider of services, for the purpose of placing a child, the contract is to specify responsibilities of both parties to the contract, have clear effective begin and end dates, a clause for termination of the contract, and if federal funding is used, notice of federal award and federal guidance for management of the award.