



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5180:3-13-64 Preplacement services.

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(A) Who is to provide preplacement services?

Each public children services agency (PCSA) or private child placing agency (PCPA) is to provide or arrange preplacement services to the child and their parent, guardian, or custodian when substitute care placement of the child is to occur.

(B) What do preplacement services include?

- (1) Counseling the child and their parent, guardian, or custodian regarding feelings of separation.
- (2) Facilitating communication between the agency, the child, and their parent, guardian, or custodian, if it is in the child's best interest.
- (3) Organizing at least one visit with the caregiver and child before the placement.

(C) Under what circumstances does preplacement services not apply?

- (1) Children who are less than one year of age.
- (2) Children who are familiar with the caregiver, unless the PCSA determines that placement visits are in the child's best interest.
- (3) Children residing with a parent in a substance use disorder (SUD) residential facility.
- (4) Placements involving children's residential centers or specialized placement facilities, when such visits conflict with the facility's or center's preplacement visitation policy.
- (5) Placements in accordance with the interstate compact on placement of children (ICPC) pursuant to rules 5180:2-52-04 and 5180:2-52-06 of the Administrative Code.
- (6) Placement of a child on an emergency basis as set forth in rules 5180:2-39-01 and 5180:2-39-03 of the Administrative Code.

(D) Is there a documentation requirement for preplacement services?

Notes or documentation related to the provision of preplacement services are to be kept in the child's case record.