



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5103.0520 Requirements for group homes.

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(A) As used in this section, "group home" has the same meaning as "group home for children" in section 5103.05 of the Revised Code.

(B) Not later than two hundred seventy days after the effective date of this section, the director of children and youth shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish requirements regarding all of the following for group homes:

(1) The use of the Ohio professional registry, as operated by the Ohio child care resource and referral association or its successor organization or entity, to complete background checks or criminal records checks pursuant to section 2151.86, 5103.037, 5103.0310, or 5103.053 of the Revised Code for any owner, board president, administrator, officer, operator, staff, volunteer, intern, and subcontractor of a group home;

(2) Training on behavioral intervention, including the use of de-escalation, for all new and existing individuals working at a group home;

(3) The supervision of children, including a ratio of at least one staff person for every seven children or, if the group home accepts placement of fewer than seven children, one staff person for every six children.

(C) The operator of a group home shall comply with the ratio requirements established in rules adopted under division (B)(3) of this section as a requirement for certification.

(D) The director of children and youth may suspend or revoke the certificate of a group home in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for any violation under this section or rules adopted under this section.
