

 <p>Children's Services Agency</p> <p>Communication Issuance</p> <p>21-016</p>	Subject/Title	Parental Home Placement Policy Update
	Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Informational Memorandum <input type="checkbox"/> Program Instruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy Guide
	Issuance Date	02/16/2021
	Obsolete Date	N/A
	Contact Name	Office of Child Welfare Policy and Programs; Federal Compliance Division
Email	Child-Welfare-Policy@michigan.gov ; MDHHS-FederalComplianceDivision@michigan.gov	
Phone	N/A	
<i>Distribution</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CSA Central Office Managers/Staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MDHHS BSC and County Directors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MDHHS Juvenile Justice Managers/Staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MDHHS Child Welfare Managers/Staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Tribes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Workforce Development and Training <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Agency Child Welfare Managers/Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residential Abuse/Neglect Managers/Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residential Juvenile Justice Managers/Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

This communication provides updated policy guidance around documentation of parental home placements. **Effective immediately:**

A parental home includes a child placed with any of the following:

- Custodial parent(s).
- Non-custodial parent(s).
- Adoptive parent(s) after adoption is finalized.
- Legal parent(s).
- Biological parent(s) whose parental rights were previously terminated.
- Out-of-state parental home.

When a child has been removed from the parent(s) and placed in the care and custody of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), placement of the child into a relative caregiver's home where the child's parent(s) also resides is **not** considered a parental home placement until reunification of the child with the parent is ordered by the court. In the absence of an order reunifying the child with the parent, the caseworker must **not** change the child's placement in MiSACWIS to parental home. If the parent leaves the relative's home, and the child was not reunified with the parent by court order, a new removal order and initial funding determination are not required.

Example: The child is removed via court order from the legal father and placed with the paternal grandfather on 5/1. The legal father moves into the home of the paternal grandfather on 6/1. The court issues an order on 10/1 ordering the child returned to the parent. The parental home placement is entered into MiSACWIS effective 10/1 when the parent becomes legally responsible for the child's care.

Public Act 116 of 1973, MCL 722.119, prohibits individuals listed on the Central Registry from residing in a licensed foster home. If a parent who is also on Central Registry moves into a licensed related or unrelated foster home, the foster home license must be closed. If a foster care caseworker becomes aware of a parent who is listed on Central Registry moving into a licensed related or unrelated foster home, or into the home of a relative who is pursuing licensure, the foster care caseworker must immediately inform licensing staff.

Corrections may be required on existing cases where a child placed in out-of-home care has had their placement changed to a parental home placement due to the parent moving into the placement *without* an order returning the child to the parent. The Children's Services Agency (CSA) is currently reviewing affected cases and will provide further instruction on the affected cases in the near future.

The following policies will be updated to reflect these changes:

- FOM 722-03, Placement Selection and Standards.
- FOM 901-7, Service Types and Living Arrangements.
- FOM 902, Funding Determinations and Title IV-E Eligibility.