# Licensing Checklist – Shelter Care Facilities

**Use of form:** Completion of this form by shelter care licensees is mandatory under s.48.66(2) and constitutes one portion of a complete application for a probationary license, for advancement to a regular two year license from probationary status, or for continuation of a regular two year license to operate a shelter care facility. Licensing representatives use this form to review a shelter care facility’s compliance with ch. DCF 59. Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, s. 15.04(1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes].

**Instructions: A.** The **applicant completes the “Applicant” column** **only** and submits the completed form to the Department of Children and Families along with any other materials necessary for obtaining or continuing the shelter care license.

**1**.If the facility is in compliance with the specific rule, check **“MET” for yes**. Note: Some situations may have not yet occurred. However, check “MET: if you understand what your responsibilities are if the situation would arise.

**2**. If a specific rule does not apply to the facility, check "N/A" for not applicable.

**3**. All items must be marked either “MET” or “N/A”. If any items are left blank, your application will be considered incomplete.

**4.** The completed licensing checklist shall be signed and dated.

Note: All asterisked (\*) items must be in compliance before a probationary license may be issued.

**B**. The **licensing representative** **completes the “Licensing Representative”** column during the subsequent monitoring visit(s). The licensing representative only makes a check mark if the facility is **not in** **compliance** with the licensing rules or “N/A” if the rule is not applicable. See instructions on page iii.

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| Name – Facility | | Telephone Number – Facility | | Facility ID Number |
| Address – Facility (Street, City, Zip Code) | | Licensed Capacity | | License Continuation Date (mm/dd/yyyy) |
| Name – Person on Premises Responsible for Daily Operations | Name – Unit Supervisor | | | Ages Accepted |
| Type of Facility:  Hold-over rooms for one or two children  Family (1-4)  Small group (5-8)  Large group (9-20) | | | Type of Administration:  Publicly owned  Privately owned | |

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**APPLICANT / LICENSEE INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. If the facility is in compliance with the specific rule, check “MET” for yes.**

**Note: Some situations may have not yet occurred. However, check “MET: if you understand what your responsibilities are if the situation would arise.**

**2. If a specific rule does not apply to the facility, check "N/A" for not applicable.**

**3. All items must be marked either “MET” or “N/A”. If any items are left blank, your application will be considered incomplete.**

**4. The completed licensing checklist shall be signed and dated.**

**Note: All asterisked (\*) items must be in compliance before a probationary license may be issued.**

**LICENSING REPRESENTATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. If the facility/agency is not in compliance with the specific rule, check “Not Met”in the licensing representative column. If a facility/agency IS in compliance with a specific rule, leave “Not Met” unchecked if the rule is applicable.**

**2. If a specific rule does not apply to the facility/agency, check "N/A" for not applicable.**

**3. Items that have an asterisk (\*) to the left of the rule cite are items that are on the initial licensing checklist and need to be in compliance before a probationary license is issued. Since these items must have been in compliance before the probabtionarey license is issued, these items may or may not be specifically reviewed during the first probationary period.**

**4. Color code or write the dates of all licensing visits on the front page of the licensing checklist and the corresponding areas of rules reviewed.**

| **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** | **Licensee** | | **Licensing Representative** | | |
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|  | **Met** | **N/A** | **Not Met** | **N/A** | **COMMENTS** |
| **59.01(5)(a) COMPLIANCE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND LAWS** A person who is licensed under this chapter shall operate the shelter care facility in compliance with this chapter, the provisions of the license, and applicable state, federal, and local law. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.01(5)(b) COMPLIANCE WITH BUILDING CODE & LOCAL ORDINANCES** A shelter care facility for more than 8 children shall comply with the Wisconsin Commercial Building Code and applicable local ordinances. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.01(8) MULTIPLE LICENSING** A facility licensed under s. 48.62 or 48.625, Stats., as a family foster home or group home by a county department of social services or the department may be licensed to concurrently provide shelter care as long as the applicant can show to the satisfaction of the department that the facility is capable of providing both types of care without lowering the level of services for any resident of the facility. Persons operating a facility with multiple licenses shall designate particular beds within the living unit for each type of service provided. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(1)(a)1.a. PUBLICLY OPERATED – LICENSE APPLICATION** A county wanting to operate a public shelter care facility, including a hold-over room, shall apply to the department for a license on forms provided by the department. The application shall be signed by the chairperson of the county board of supervisors and the presiding juvenile court judge. A hold-over room license applicant shall be a county department under s. 46.15, 46.22 or 46.23, Stats., or a county sheriff’s department, as designated by the chairperson of the county board and the judge of the juvenile court. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(1)(a)1.b. PUBLICLY OPERATED – JOINT APPLICATIONS** Except in the case of a hold-over room, 2 or more counties may cooperate to provide shelter care. A joint application shall be signed by the chairperson of the county boards of supervisors and the presiding juvenile court judges for all of the cooperating counties. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(1)(a)2.a. PUBLICLY OPERATED – MULTIPLE LICENSED FACILITIES** A county may apply to operate more than one family, small group or large group shelter care facility, but a separate application shall be submitted for each facility and each facility shall be licensed separately. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.03(1)(a)2.b. PUBLICLY OPERATED – MULTIPLE HOLD-OVER ROOMS** A county may apply to operate one or more hold-over rooms in the county under one license. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(1)(a)3. PUBLICLY OPERATED – LICENSE ISSUANCE** If the applicant meets the requirements contained in these rules, a license shall be issued which specifies the location of the shelter care facility, the sex, age and number of children it may receive, and the expiration date and any other conditions placed on the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(1)(a)4. PUBLICLY OPERATED – LICENSE CONTINUATION / RELOCATION** Application for license renewal shall be submitted by the licensee at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the current license and 30 days prior to any change in the location of the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(1)(a)5. PUBLICLY OPERATED APPLICATION INFO – SPECIFIED BY DEPARTMENT** A licensee shall provide with the first application and renewal any information specified by the department to demonstrate that the facility meets the requirements of these rules. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(1)(a)6. PUBLICLY OPERATED APPLICATION INFO – COUNTIES & UNIT SUPERVISOR**  The application should also include the name and address of the superintendent of the shelter care for the county(s) served, and the name and address of the unit supervisor of the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(1)(b)1. PUBLICLY OPERATED – LIABILITY INSURANCE** Persons making application for a license to operate a public shelter care facility shall provide the department with information indicating the manner in which the facility will insure its liability risks and protect its assets. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.03(1)(b)2. PUBLICLY OPERATED – VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE** The licensee will be responsible for obtaining protection for any liability which may result when children are being transported by the licensee or its agents. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.03(1)(c) PUBLICLY OPERATED – FINANCIAL RECORDS** The publicly operated shelter care facility shall upon request provide the department with financial records or statements relating to the financial operation of the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **\*59.03(2)(a)1. PRIVATELY OPERATED – LICENSE APPLICATION FORM** Persons applying for a license to operate a private shelter care facility shall do so on forms provided by the department. The application shall be signed by the individual or authorized representative of the corporation making application and counter-signed by the juvenile court judges of the county(s) in which the person intends to operate the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(a)2. PRIVATELY OPERATED – CORPORATION-OPERATED LICENSED FACILITIES**  Corporations may apply to operate one or more family, small group or large group shelter care facilities, but each facility shall be licensed separately. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(a)3. PRIVATELY OPERATED – INDIVIDUAL-OPERATED LICENSED FACILITIES**  Individuals may apply to operate only one family or small group shelter care facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(a)4. PRIVATELY OPERATED – LICENSE ISSUANCE** If the applicant meets the requirements contained in the rules, a license shall be issued which specifies the location of the shelter care facility, the sex, age and number of children it may receive, the expiration date and any other conditions placed on the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(a)5. PRIVATELY OPERATED – LICENSE CONTINUATION / RELOCATION** A new application for license renewal shall be submitted by the licensee at least 60 days prior to expiration of the current license or 30 days prior to any change in the name of the licensee or location of the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(a)6. PRIVATELY OPERATED – INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION MATERIALS** The following materials shall accompany the first application for a license. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(a)6.a. PRIVATELY OPERATED APPLICATION – ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION** Copies of the articles of incorporation, constitution and by-laws of a corporation applying for licensure. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(a)6.b. PRIVATELY OPERATED APPLICATION – DEPARTMENT REQUIRED INFORMATION** Information as specified by the department to demonstrate that the facility meets the requirements of these rules. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(a)6.c. PRIVATELY OPERATED APPLICATION – AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS** The applicant shall provide evidence of the availability of funds to carry the shelter care facility through the first 6 months of operation. Such evidence is not limited to actual cash or credit but may be evidence of the intent of the juvenile court to use the shelter care facility to the extent that a minimum necessary population will be maintained. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(a)7. PRIVATELY OPERATED APPLICATION – BOARD MEMBERS, LICENSEE, SUPT** The name, addresses and titles of the board members and the name of the executive of a corporation applying for a license, and the name and address of the superintendent(s) of shelter care for the county(s) served, and of the unit supervisor for the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(b) PRIVATELY OPERATED – WRITTEN AGREEMENT** Any person applying for a license to operate a private shelter care facility shall present with the application a written agreement between the person making application and the chairperson(s) of the county board(s) and the judge(s) of the juvenile court(s) of the county(s) in which service will be provided. The agreement must provide, in addition to any other condition established by the parties that: |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(b)1. PRIVATELY OPERATED AGREEMENT – CHILDREN ACCEPTED INTO CARE** The person operating the facility(s) will only accept into care those children referred by the juvenile court(s) of the county(s) served, or whose placement is approved by the court(s). |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(b)2. PRIVATELY OPERATED AGREEMENT – OPERATION OF FACILITY** The person operating the facility(s) will act under the jurisdiction and supervision of the juvenile court(s) of the county(s) served, and will abide by any policies established by the court(s) which are not in conflict with these rules. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(b)3. PRIVATELY OPERATED AGREEMENT – RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY**  In addition, the agreement shall specify the financial and other responsibilities of each party. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(c)1. PRIVATELY OPERATED – LIABILITY INSURANCE** All licensees shall carry sufficient forms and amounts of available insurance to insure the liability risks of the facility in the provision of services and to give reasonable protection to its assets. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **\*59.03(2)(c)2. PRIVATELY OPERATED – VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE** All licensees shall be responsible for providing liability insurance for all situations in which children are transported by the licensee or its agents. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(d)1.a. CORPORATION-OPERATED – ACCORDANCE WITH WISCONSIN LAWS** Any body of persons wishing to operate a corporation operated shelter care facility or series of shelter care facilities shall be incorporated in accordance with the laws of the state of Wisconsin. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(d)1.b. CORPORATION-OPERATED – INCORPORATED OUTSIDE OF WISCONSIN** Any corporation which is incorporated outside of Wisconsin shall secure authorization from the secretary of state to do business in Wisconsin. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.03(2)(d)2.a. CORPORATION-OPERATED – BOARD OF DIRECTORS** Each corporation shall be governed by a board of directors which is responsible for the operation of the corporation according to its defined purpose. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.03(2)(d)2.b. CORPORATION-OPERATED – BOARD MEMBERS** No member of this board shall be an employee of the corporation or the spouse of an employee, unless the corporation is a non- profit, non-stock corporation incorporated in Wisconsin for the sole purpose of operating one shelter care facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(d)3.a. BOARD OF DIRECTORS – WRITTEN PROCEDURES** Establish written procedures for operation of the facility under the direction of the juvenile court judge and the superintendent of shelter care of the county in which the facility is located, or the committee of judges when 2 or more counties cooperated to provide shelter care. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(d)3.b. BOARD OF DIRECTORS – EXERCISE TRUSTEESHIP** Exercise trusteeship for property, investments, and protection from liability. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(d)3.c. BOARD OF DIRECTORS – BUDGET & FUNDS** Approve the budget and be responsible for obtaining and disbursing funds. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(d)3.d. BOARD OF DIRECTORS – DESIGNATED EXECUTIVE** Designate an executive and delegate to the executive responsibility for the administration of all shelter care facilities operated by the corporation. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(d)3.e. BOARD OF DIRECTORS – CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMUNITY** Establish a plan for maintaining a continuing relationship with the community in which the facility is located for the purpose of promoting a better understanding and acceptance of the shelter care facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(d)3.f. BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MINOR BOARD MEMBERS** The board shall contain 2 seats for persons 17 years of age or younger who may vote on all issues relating to the care of children in shelter care. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(d)4.a. CORPORATION-OPERATED – FINANCIAL POLICIES & PRACTICES** The board with the executive shall be responsible for the secure and judicious use of funds for shelter care. Policies and practices shall be in accord with sound budgeting, disbursement and audit control procedures. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(d)4.b. CORPORATION-OPERATED – WRITTEN PLAN OF FINANCING** Each corporation shall have a sound written plan of financing to assure sufficient funds to enable it to carry out its defined purposes and to provide proper care. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(d)4.c. CORPORATION-OPERATED – BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & STAFFING** The corporation shall maintain a system of business management and staffing to assure maintenance of complete and accurate accounts, books and records. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(d)4.d. CORPORATION-OPERATED – FINANCIAL RECORDS** Upon request, the corporation shall provide the department with a confidential balance sheet and financial records or financial statements. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(d)5.a. CORPORATION-OPERATED – OPERATING MULTIPLE FACILITIES** Corporations which apply for licenses to operate more than one facility shall provide in addition to the information required for licensing individual facilities, any information specified by the department which demonstrates the ability of the corporation to operate multiple facilities. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.03(2)(e) INDIVIDUALLY-OPERATED FACILITIES** An individual or individuals applying for a license to operate a private shelter care facility shall include with their application a proposed budget for the facility, indicating expected sources of income and project costs. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.03(3)(a) SUPERINTENDENT OF SHELTER CARE** Each county operating a hold-over room or other shelter care facility shall appoint a superintendent of shelter care. The superintendent of shelter care may be at the same time the unit supervisor of a hold-over room or other public shelter care facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.03(3)(b) RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING JUVENILE COURT POLICIES** The unit supervisor of any private or public shelter care facility and the executive of any corporation operated shelter care facility shall be responsible to the superintendent of shelter care for implementing the policies established by the juvenile court judge pursuant to s. 938.22(1)(b) and (3)(a), Stats. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(1)(a) PERSONNEL – QUALIFICATIONS** Shelter care workers, relief help, volunteers and hold-over room attendants shall be responsible, mature individuals of reputable character who exercise sound judgment and display the capacity to provide good care for children. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(1)(b)1. PERSONNEL – PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH** Every shelter care worker, relief help, volunteer and hold-over room attendant and any person who may be residing in a shelter care facility shall be in good physical and mental health so that the health of the children or the quality and manner of their care will not be adversely affected. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(b)2. PERSONNEL – PHYSICAL / MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT / EVALUATION**  If there is reason to believe that the physical or mental health of any shelter care worker, relief help, volunteer or hold-over room attendant or any person who may be residing in a shelter care facility might endanger children in care, the department may require an alcohol and other drug abuse assessment or a physical health or mental health evaluation of the person by a physician or other health care professional as a condition for continued employment or service or residence in the facility. The physician or other health care professional who performs the assessment or evaluation shall submit a written statement to the department that describes the condition of the person and possible effects of that condition on children in care. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(1)(b)3. PERSONNEL – HEALTH EXAMINATION & TB TEST** Before beginning employment or service in a shelter care facility, a person shall receive a health examination covering the areas included in department form DCF-F-CFS0384. This requirement does not apply to a person who will work as a volunteer in contact with children for not more than 10 hours a week or as a hold-over room attendant. A person who will work as a volunteer in contact with children for not more than 10 hours a week or as a hold-over room attendant shall have received a tuberculin skin test without positive findings within 90 days before beginning employment or service. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(c)1. PERSONNEL – EDUCATION & TRAINING** Shelter care workers shall either: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(c)1.a. PERSONNEL EDUCATION & TRAINING – EXPERIENCE** Have had one or more years of experience as foster parents, institutional houseparents, or other relevant child care experience, or |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(c)1.b. PERSONNEL EDUCATION & TRAINING – TRAINING PRIOR TO LICENSURE / HIRE** Have successfully completed not less than 24 hours of relevant training in accordance with plan formulated by the applicant or licensee and approved by the department, or |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(c)1.c. PERSONNEL EDUCATION & TRAINING – TRAINING AFTER LICENSURE / HIRE** Agree to complete such training as specified in preceding subd. 1.b. within a period not to exceed one year from the time of initial licensure or employment. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(c)2. PERSONNEL EDUCATION & TRAINING – IN-SERVICE TRAINING** Shelter care workers shall participate in ongoing in-service training of at least 15 hours a year in accordance with a plan formulated by the licensee and approved by the department. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(c)3. PERSONNEL EDUCATION & TRAINING – HOLD-OVER RM ATTENDANT** Before a hold-over room attendant may provide care for a resident, the attendant shall complete at least 12 hours of training approved by the department on managing a hold-over room and providing care for residents, to include at least the following: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(c)3.a. HOLD-OVER RM ATTENDANT TRAINING – SUICIDE PREVENTION** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(c)3.b. HOLD-OVER RM ATTENDANT TRAINING – ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(c)3.c. HOLD-OVER RM ATTENDANT TRAINING – ADOLESCENT BEHAVIOR** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(c)3.d. HOLD-OVER RM ATTENDANT TRAINING – CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT REPORTING** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(c)3.e. HOLD-OVER RM ATTENDANT TRAINING – EFFECTS ON ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(c)3.f. HOLD-OVER RM ATTENDANT TRAINING – POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR OPERATING THE HOLD-OVER ROOM** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(c)3.g. HOLD-OVER RM ATTENDANT TRAINING – CRISIS INTERVENTION TECHNIQUES** |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(1)(d)1. PERSONNEL EDUCATION & TRAINING – FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING** Each shelter care worker and hold-over room attendant shall have successfully completed a course in first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), acceptable to the department, unless the shelter care worker or hold-over room attendant has access to a person on the premises who is readily available and has completed a course in first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(1)(d)2. PERSONNEL EDUCATION & TRAINING – FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING UPDATE** Each shelter care worker, hold-over room attendant or trained person on the premises under subd. 1. shall update his or her knowledge about first aid by successfully completing a first aid course acceptable to the department at least once in each consecutive 3 year period. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(2)(a) VOLUNTEERS – LICENSEE DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBLE STAFF** If volunteers are used, the licensee shall assign an appropriate staff member to: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(2)(a)1. VOLUNTEERS – SCREENING, ORIENTATION & USE** Develop a plan for screening and orientation and use of volunteers and |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(2)(a)2. VOLUNTEERS – SUPERVISION & EVALUATION** Supervise and evaluate volunteers. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(2)(b) VOLUNTEERS – HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** Volunteers, except those working as hold-over room attendants, who are in regular contact with children in shelter care more than 10 hours per week shall meet all health requirements for shelter care workers. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(3)(a) UNIT SUPERVISORS – FAMILY & SMALL GROUP FACILITIES & HOLD-OVER ROOMS** In family and small group shelter care facilities the unit supervisor shall meet the requirements for shelter care workers under sub. (1). For hold-over rooms, the unit supervisor shall meet the requirements for hold-over room attendants under sub. (1). |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(3)(b) UNIT SUPERVISORS – LARGE GROUP FACILITIES** In large group shelter care facilities, the unit supervisor shall meet the requirements for shelter care workers, and in addition shall: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(3)(b)1. LARGE GROUP UNIT SUPERVISORS – CHILD CARE EXPERIENCE** Have at least 3 years experience as a foster parent, institutional houseparent, or other relevant child care experience. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(3)(b)2. LARGE GROUP UNIT SUPERVISORS – ADMINISTRATIVE / SUPERVISORY EXPRNC**. Have at least 2 years experience in an administrative or supervisory capacity. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(3)(b)3. LARGE GROUP UNIT SUPERVISORS – DEMONSTRATED ABILITY** During the first year as unit supervisor demonstrate the ability to satisfactorily manage the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(3m) RPPS DECISION MAKERS** A shelter care facility shall ensure that an individual specified in s. DCF 59.055 (2) (b) successfully completes training on the application of the reasonable and prudent parent standard prior to making a reasonable and prudent parenting decision. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(4) OTHER PERSONNEL** In addition to shelter care workers, relief help, and volunteers, unit supervisors may employ other staff such as cooks, janitors, launderers, housekeepers, etc. as needed, to carry out daily housekeeping functions. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(5)(a)1. STAFFING PATTERNS – Family care staffing and shift staffing.** The licensee shall not schedule relief help or volunteers to serve the purpose of replacing shelter care workers as the usual and primary providers of care and supervision of the children in the shelter care facility. In small and large group shelter care facilities, at the request of the department, the licensees shall make available scheduling and time records of all shelter care workers, relief help and volunteers. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(5)(a)2. STAFFING PATTERNS – MINIMUM NUMBER OF STAFF & GENDER REQUIREMENTS** There shall be at least 2 shelter care workers for each shelter care facility and one hold-over room attendant for each hold-over room in use. The hold-over room attendant shall be of the same sex as the occupant of the hold-over room. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(5)(a)3. STAFFING PATTERNS – PLAN FOR CONTACTING STAFF IN AN EMERGENCY** There shall be a written and workable plan for contacting another shelter care worker, relief help individual, hold-over room attendant or other responsible adult when an emergency occurs at a time when only one shelter care worker, relief help individual or hold-over room attendant is in the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(5)(b)1. FAMILY CARE STAFFING PATTERNS – RESPONSIBILITIES AWAY FROM FACILITY** One of the shelter care workers shall not have responsibilities unrelated to the shelter care facility program in excess of 10 hours per week. The second shelter care worker may have responsibilities away from the shelter care facility for more than 10 hours per week, but shall be otherwise available and make constructive contributions to the facility program. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(5)(b)2. FAMILY CARE STAFFING PATTERNS – MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CHILDREN** The number of children shelter care workers may receive for care plus the number of shelter care workers’ own children who live in the household shall not exceed a combined total of 10. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(5m) PERSONNEL POLICIES** The licensee shall provide written personnel policies and procedures and any updates to them to persons employed as shelter care workers who work more than 10 hours per week. The personnel policies and procedures shall cover salary provisions, fringe benefits such as vacation time, sick leave, overtime, leaves of absence, retirement plan, if any, and insurance coverage, probationary period, if any, staffing schedule, job description defining specific duties, evaluation standards, chain of command, grievance procedures and termination procedures. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(a) SHELTER CARE WORKER PERSONNEL FILE** A licensee shall maintain a personnel file on each shelter care worker, except relief help employed 10 or less hours per week, that includes the following: |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(a)1. PERSONNEL FILE – NAME & ADDRESS** |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(a)2. PERSONNEL FILE – DATE OF BIRTH** |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(a)3. PERSONNEL FILE – QUALIFICATIONS** A statement of the employee’s qualifications, including education, training and experience. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(a)4. PERSONNEL FILE – REFERENCES & BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION**  A report on references, a signed background verification form and criminal records check report from the crime information bureau that meet the requirements of par. (c). |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(a)5. PERSONNEL FILE – JOB DESCRIPTION** |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(a)6. PERSONNEL FILE – DUTIES, TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, SUPERVISOR** |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(a)7. PERSONNEL FILE – HEALTH RECORD** |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(a)8. PERSONNEL FILE – TRAINING RECORD** |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(a)9. PERSONNEL FILE – ANNUAL & TERMINATION EVALUATIONS** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(6)(b) PERSONNEL RECORD – RELIEF HELP, VOLUNTEER, HOLD-OVER RM ATTENDANT** A licensee shall maintain a record on each relief help employed 10 or less hours a week, each volunteer and each hold-over room attendant. The record shall be made available to the department upon request. The record shall include for each relief help, volunteer and hold-over room attendant: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(6)(b)1. PERSONNEL RECORD – NAME & ADDRESS** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(6)(b)2. PERSONNEL RECORD – DATE OF BIRTH** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(6)(b)3. PERSONNEL RECORD – HEALTH RECORD**, if required under sub. (1)(b)2. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(6)(b)4. PERSONNEL RECORD – DATES & HOURS EMPLOYED / VOLUNTEERED** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(6)(b)5. PERSONNEL RECORD – JOB DESCRIPTION** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(6)(b)6. PERSONNEL RECORD – TRAINING RECORDS** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(6)(b)7. PERSONNEL RECORD – REFERENCES & BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION** A report on references, signed background verification form and criminal records check report from the crime information bureau that meet the requirements of par. (c). |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(6)(bm)** ***RPPS decision makers*.** A licensee shall maintain a record of each RPPS decision maker’s completion of the training required under sub. (3m). |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(c)1. REFERENCE REQUIREMENTS** The report on references under pars. (a)4. and (b)7. shall include: |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(c)1.a. REFERENCES – CHARACTER & PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT** Character references from at least 2 persons and references from previous employers. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(c)1.b. REFERENCES – DOCUMENTATION** Documentation of references either by letter or verification in the record of verbal contact, giving dates, individual making contact, individuals contacted and the content. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(c)2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE FORM** The background verification form under pars. (a)4. and (b)7. shall be a notarized department background verification form, DCF 2978, signed by the shelter care employee, hold-over room attendant or volunteer, stating that the shelter care worker, hold-over room attendant or volunteer does not have a pending criminal charge or conviction relating to the care of children. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.04(6)(c)3. STATE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK** A state criminal records check on each applicant before allowing that person to work at the shelter care facility. If the person lived in another state, a criminal records check shall be requested from that state. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(6)(d) PERSONNEL FILE – AVAILABILITY** Any personnel file shall be made available upon request to the department and the employee or volunteer on whom the file is maintained. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.04(7) DISCRIMINATION** The shelter care facility shall be in compliance with ss. 111.31 through 111.37, Stats., Title VI of the Civil Rights Action of 1964 as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Action of 1972. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(1m) ADMISSION TO SHELTER CARE** A child may not be received into shelter care, including into a hold-over room, unless the child has been found eligible for placement by the juvenile court judge or a court intake worker designated by the judge. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(2) AGE OF CHILDREN** No child under 10 may be kept in a shelter care facility unless written approval is given by the department within 48 hours after admission excluding weekends and holidays. Children under age 10 shall not be kept in shelter care for more than 7 days per episode. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(3)(a) HOLD-OVER RM TIME LIMITS** A hold-over room may not hold a child for more than 24 hours, except that a hold-over room may hold a child placed in the hold-over room on a Friday afternoon or evening or over the weekend until the court hearing the following Monday provided that the hold-over room immediately notifies the appropriate division of community services licensing office by telephone or fax of the placement and supplies the following information related to the placement: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(3)(a)1. HOLD-OVER RM EXCEEDING TIME LIMIT – ADMISSION & COURT DATE** Date and time of child’s admission to the hold-over room and date and time of next scheduled court hearing. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(3)(a)2. HOLD-OVER RM EXCEEDING TIME LIMIT – NAME, AGE & REASON** Name and age of child and reason why the child was taken into custody. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(3)(a)3. HOLD-OVER RM EXCEEDING TIME LIMIT – EXPLANATION OF NECESSITY** Explanation of why a weekend stay in the hold-over room is necessary which may be because of the unavailability of a shelter care facility in a bordering county or inability to return the child to the parental home or other reason. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(3)(a)4. HOLD-OVER RM EXCEEDING TIME LIMIT – STAFF & ACTIVITIES** Names of staff and their work schedules covering the weekend along with indoor and outdoor activities planned for the child during his or her weekend stay. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(3)(b) SHELTER CARE TIME LIMITS** A shelter care facility may not keep a child in residence for more than 30 days per episode except: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(3)(b)1. 15-DAY EXTENSION** An extension for an additional 15 days may be made upon written approval of the superintendent of shelter care for the county in which the facility is located; and |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(3)(b)2. SECOND 15-DAY EXTENSION** A second extension of 15 more days may be made upon written approval from the department. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(3)(b)3. EXTENSION REQUEST REQUIREMENTS** The request for each extension must be made prior to the expiration of the prior approved time, and should include an explanation for the need of extended care. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.05(4)(b) WRITTEN PLAN FOR STAFF CARE COVERAGE** The unit supervisor of each facility shall prepare a written plan for staff care coverage, taking into account the needs of the children to be admitted into shelter care, and demonstrating the methods by which adequate supervision will be insured. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(4)(c) SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN** Children in shelter care shall not be left without supervision by a shelter care worker or by relief help. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(4)(d) OTHER SERVICES / BUSINESSES CONDUCTED IN THE FACILITY** The care of children in shelter care shall not be combined with any other service or business conducted in the facility without the written approval of the department. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(4)(e) FACILITY ABILITY TO RECEIVE CHILDREN INTO CARE** When no children are in residence for shelter care, a shelter care worker must be on call and available to come immediately to the facility when a child is admitted into care. A facility shall be able to receive children into care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(4)(f) STAFF-TO-CHILD RATIO – WAKING HOURS** The ratio of child care staff to children in care shall be dependent on number and the needs of the children, but there shall be at least 2 child care staff members or persons properly substituting for them on duty in the facility at any time when there are 9 or more children present during waking hours, and 3 staff members present when 17 or more children are present during waking hours. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(4)(g) STAFF-TO-CHILD RATIO – SLEEPING HOURS** During sleeping hours there shall always be one staff person within hearing or call of all children in care. When 9 or more children in care are present, 2 staff members must be on duty and make hourly observations of the areas in which children are sleeping. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(4)(h) LARGE GROUP FACILITIES – STAFF GENDER** When children of both sexes are present in large group shelter care facilities, there shall be both male and female staff members on duty in the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(5)(a) DISCIPLINE – PURPOSE & IMPLEMENTATION** Discipline shall be for the purpose of helping the child and shall be handled with kindness and understanding. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(5)(b) DISCIPLINE – PROHIBITED MEASURES** No child in care shall be subjected to corporal, unusual, or severe punishment, or to punishment by deprivation of meals. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(5)(c) DISCIPLINE – REQUIREMENTS** Discipline shall be fair, reasonable, consistent and related to the behavior causing the discipline. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.05(5)(d) DISCIPLINE – WRITTEN FACILITY RULES** Written facility rules shall be approved by the superintendent of shelter care. These shall be explained to children when they are admitted to the facility, and available to them during their stay. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(5)(e) DISCIPLINE – PHYSICAL HOLDING** Physical holding shall be used only to protect the child from injury to self or others. Mechanical restraints shall not be used. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(5)(f) DISCIPLINE – PUNISHMENT** Punishment shall be related to the child’s misconduct. The other children in shelter care shall not be punished for the misconduct of an individual child. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(5)(g) DISCIPLINE – CONFINEMENT** No child shall be locked within the facility as a whole or any part of it. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(5)(h) DISCIPLINE – MEDICINE** Medicine shall not be used as a means of maintaining discipline. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(6) CLOTHING** Each facility shall ensure that children in care are adequately clothed during their stay. Children in shelter care may retain their own clothes. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(7) EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN CARE** The licensee shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that children in care regularly attend a school program unless otherwise excused by school officials. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(8)(a) HOUSEHOLD DUTIES / CHORES – APPROPRIATE TO AGE, HEALTH & ABILITY**  Children in care shall have opportunities to assume responsibility for household duties or chores appropriate to their age, health and ability. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(8)(b) WORK PERFORMED BY CHILDREN** No licensee shall use the labor of children in care as a substitute to the employment of a sufficient number of competent employees to operate and maintain the shelter facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(8)(c) HOUSEHOLD DUTIES / CHORES – INTERFERENCE WITH SCHOOL, SLEEP / STUDY** Household duties of children in care shall not interfere with their school, sleep or study. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(9) RELIGIOUS OPPORTUNITIES** Shelter care workers and hold-over room attendants shall make every reasonable effort to make opportunities available to each child in shelter care who wishes it for attendance at religious services compatible with the child’s religious heritage or preference. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(10)(a) NUTRITION – SUFFICIENT QUANTITY & VARIETY & NUTRITIONALLY COMPLETE** Food shall be provided to children in sufficient quantities and varieties, and shall provide for essential nutritional dietary needs. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(10)(b) NUTRITION – MENU PLANNING CONSIDERING RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL**  **PATTERNS** In planning menus, consideration shall be given, whenever possible, to the religious practices and the cultural patterns of the children in shelter care. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(10)(c) NUTRITION – DAILY MENUS ON FILE** In small and large group shelter care facilities, daily menus shall be kept on file and available to the department for at least 30 days thereafter. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(10)(d) NUTRITION – SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD / MODIFIED DIETS** Supplementary food or modified diets as ordered by a physician shall be provided for those children who have special needs. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(11) RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES** The licensee shall provide recreational opportunities based on the age, abilities and interests of the children. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(12) VISITS WITH RELATIVES / OTHER SIGNIFICANT PERSONS** Shelter care workers and hold-over room attendants shall encourage the maintenance of a relationship between children and their parents or relatives or other significant persons. For a shelter care facility except a hold- over room this shall be in accordance with a plan established by the unit supervisor and the child’s legal custodian. Visitation with parents shall not be restricted as a form of discipline. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.05(13)(a) MEDICAL CARE – WRITTEN PROCEDURES** Each shelter care facility shall establish written procedures to be used to provide regular and emergency medical care to children in residence, including the name of a physician who is available to treat the children and the names and locations of nearby emergency medical services. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(13)(b) MEDICAL CARE – INFORMATION OBTAINED UPON ADMISSION** Upon admitting a child into shelter care, the staff shall obtain from the child, law enforcement personnel, and if possible, the child’s parents, information regarding the child’s medical needs, including any chronic ailments, allergies or the need for a special diet. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(13)(c) MEDICAL CARE – NECESSARY TREATMENT & DENTAL CARE** The licensee shall be responsible for providing or securing necessary medical treatment and dental care while the child is in care in the shelter care facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(14) TRANSPORTATION** The licensee shall make every reasonable effort to provide safe transportation of children in shelter care. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.05(15) RESIDENT RIGHTS** The licensee shall be knowledgeable of and ensure that staff members and volunteers observe the patient rights and grievance resolution procedures in s. 51.61, Stats., and ch. DHS 94, for each resident that receives services for treatment of mental illness, a developmental disability, alcoholism or drug dependency. Residents that are not specifically identified as coming under s. 51.61, Stats., and ch. DHS 94 shall have rights and access to grievance resolution procedures that are comparable to those found in s. 51.61, Stats., and ch. DHS 94. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(1) Promoting normalcy**. **SIMILAR TO PEERS.** A shelter care facility shall promote normalcy and the healthy development of a child placed in the shelter care facility by supporting the child’s right to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities and have experiences that are similar to those of the child’s peers of the same age, maturity, or development. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(2)(a)** **RPPS DECISION MAKER.** A shelter care facility shall ensure the presence on-site of at least one RPPS decision maker at all times to make decisions regarding the participation of a child placed in the shelter care facility in age or developmentally appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(2)(b)** An RPPS decision maker may be the licensee, authorized representative of the licensee, unit supervisor, or shelter care worker. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(2)(c)** An RPPS decision maker shall have knowledge of a child and access to the child’s records in s. DCF 59.07(1)(a) related to the decision-making factors in sub. (4). |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(2)(d)**  An RPPS decision maker shall document all decisions made under this section in the communication log under s. DCF 59.057 all requests and decisions made under this section for activities that do not take place in the shelter care facility and are not supervised by a shelter care worker, relief help, volunteer, or unit supervisior. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(2)(e)** An RPPS decision maker shall document on a form prescribed by the department any decision made under this section that requires written permission from the shelter care facility in lieu of the child’s parent or guardian. The completed form shall be placed in the child’s record under s. DCF 59.07.  **Note**: DCF-F-5124-E, *Reasonable and Prudent Parent Decision Record*, is available in the forms section of the department website at http://dcf.wisconsin.gov or by writing the Division of Safety and Permanence, P.O. Box 8916, Madison, WI 53708−8916. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(3)** **REASONABLE AND PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD**. When an RPPS decision maker is making a decision regarding participation in activities by a child placed in the shelter care facility, the RPPS decision maker shall use a decision-making standard that is characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the health, safety, best interests, and cultural, religious, and tribal values of the child while at the same time encouraging the emotional and developmental growth of the child, if the activities meet the conditions in par. (a) and (b) as follows: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(3)(a) *Areas covered by the standard***. The child is participating or wants to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, or social activities, including all of the following: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(3)(a)1.** Activities related to transportation, such as obtaining a driver’s license, driving, or carpooling with peers and other adults. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(3)(a)2.** Formal or informal employment and related activities, such as opening an account in a bank or credit union. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(3)(a)3.** Activities related to peer relationships, such as visiting with friends, staying overnight at a friend’s house, or dating. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(3)(a)4.** Activities related to personal expression, such as haircuts; hair dying; clothing choices; or sources of entertainment, including games and music. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(3)(b)** ***Age or developmentally appropriate activities***. The child is participating or wants to participate in activities that are suitable based on any of the following criteria: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(3)(b)1.** Activities that are generally accepted as suitable for children of the same chronological age or level of maturity or that are determined to be developmentally appropriate for a child based on the cognitive, emotional, physical, and behavioral capacities that are typical for children of the same age or age group. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(3)(b)2.** Activities that are suitable based on this child’s cognitive, emotional, physical, and behavioral capacities.  **Note:** The reasonable and prudent parent standard does not apply to a child receiving respite care services. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)**  **DECISION-MAKING FACTORS**. When applying the reasonable and prudent parent standard to a decision regarding the participation by a child placed in the shelter care facility in an extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, or social activity, an RPPS decision maker shall consider all of the following: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(a)** Child-specific factors, including all of the following: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(a)1.** The child’s wishes, as gathered by engaging the child in an age-appropriate discussion about participation in the activity. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(a)2.** The age, maturity, and development of the child. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(a)3.** Whether participating in the activity is in the best interest of the child. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(a)4.** The child’s behavioral history. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(a)5.** Court orders and other legal considerations affecting the child, including the prohibitions in sub. (5). |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(a)6.** Cultural, religious, and tribal values of the child and the child’s family. If the child and child’s family have different cultural, religious, or tribal values, then the placing agency, or the department if the department is the child’s guardian, is ultimately responsible for decisions concerning the child’s care. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(b)** Activity-specific factors, including all of the following: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(b)1.** Potential risk factors of the situation, including whether the child has the necessary training and safety equipment to safely participate in the activity under consideration. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(b)2.** How the activity will help the child grow. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(b)3.** Whether participating in the activity will provide experiences that are similar to the experiences of other children of the same age, maturity, or development in the shelter care facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(b)4.** Other information regarding the parent’s wishes and values. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(c)** Any other concerns regarding the safety of the child, other children in the shelter care facility, or the community. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(4)(d)** Information on the forms required under ch. DCF 37.  **Note:** The forms required under ch. DCF 37 are DCF−F−872A−E, *Information for Out−of−Home Care Providers, Part A* andDCF−F−872B−E, *Information for Out−of−Home Care Providers, Part B.* Both forms are available in the forms section of the department website at http://dcf.wisconsin.gov or by writing the Division of Safety and Permanence, P.O. Box 8916, Madison, WI 53708−8916. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(5) PROHIBITIONS**. An RPPS decision maker may not do any of the following: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(5)(a)** Permit a child to participate in an activity that would violate a court order or any federal or state statute, rule, or regulation. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(5)(b)** Make a decision that conflicts with the child’s permanency plan or family interaction plan. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(5)(c)** Consent to the child’s marriage. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(5)(d)** Authorize the child’s enlistment in the U.S. armed forces. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(5)(e)** Authorize medical, psychiatric, or surgical treatment for the child beyond the terms of the consent for medical services authorized by the child’s parent or guardian. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(5)(f)** Represent the child in legal actions or make other decisions of substantial legal significance. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(5)(g)** Determine which school the child attends or make decisions concerning the child regarding an educational right or requirement that is provided in federal or state law.  **Note:** For example, only a parent or guardian can make decisions about a child’s individualized educational program under s. 115.787, Stats. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(5)(h)** Require or prohibit a child’s participation in an age or developmentally appropriate activity solely for convenience or personal reasons not applicable to the decision-making factors in sub. (4). |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(6) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**. The shelter care facility shall have policies and procedures on how the facility complies with the requirements of the reasonable and prudent parent standard, including all of the following: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(6)(a)** How the communication log under s. DCF 59.057 will be used to inform different shifts of shelter care workers and RPPS decision makers of reasonable and prudent parenting requests and decisions made for a child under this section for activites that do not take place in the shelter care facility and are not supervised by a shelter care worker, relief help, volunteer, or unit supervisor. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(6)(b)** How information on a child on the forms under s. DCF 59.07 (1) (a) will be used to make reasonable and prudent parenting decisions for a child under this section. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(6)(c)** How the shelter care facility will ensure the presence on-site of at least one RPPS decision maker at all times. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.055(6)(d)** A process for annually reviewing the parameters and requirements of the reasonable and prudent parent standard, in conjunction with facility’s corresponding policies and procedures.  **Note:** DCF-F-5123-E, *Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard Review*, is an optional form that a shelter care facility may use to assist with the annual review. The form is available in the forms section of the department website at http://dcf.wisconsin.go or by writing the Division of Safety and Permanence, P.O. Box 8916, Madison, WI 53708−8916. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.057(1) Communication log**. A shelter care facility shall require each shift of shelter care workers and RPPS decision makers to use a communication log to document and communicate with other shelter care workers and RPPS decision makers about children whom they supervise in common. The communication log shall include all of the following for each shift: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.057(1)(a)** Each child’s location and behavior. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.057(1)(b)** Significant incidents involving a child. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.057(1)(c)** Reasonable and prudent parenting requests and decisions made for children under s. DCF 59.055 for activities that do not take place in the shelter care facility and are not supervised by a shelter care worker, relief help, volunteer, or unit supervisor. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.057(1)(d)** Staff arrival and departure times |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.057(2)** A shelter care facility may designate units within the facility and require shelter care workers and RPPS decision makers to use a separate communication log in each unit. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.057(3)** A shelter care facility shall have policies and procedures that ensure clear communication between shelter care workers and RPPS decision makers on one shift and shelter care workers and RPPS decision makers who supervise the same children on the next shift. The policies and procedures shall specify the types of significant incidents that are required to be documented in the communication log under sub. (1) (b). |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(2) BUILDING SITE LOCATION** In the judgment of the department, the location of the facility shall be related to the program offered and age, sex, needs and interest levels of the residents. Factors to be considered in determining the acceptability of the location shall include: access to educational, recreational, religious, shopping, and cultural opportunities; health resources; access to public or private utilities and services such as safe water supply, sewage disposal, fire and police protection. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(3) GENERAL BUILDING REQUIREMENTS** The shelter care facility and grounds shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition and a good state of repair. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(4)(a) RESIDENT LIVING SPACE REQUIREMENTS** There shall be at least 200 square feet of living space for each resident of the facility. “Living space” excludes unfinished basements, attics, garages, or similar areas not usually occupied by residents in daily living. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(4)(b) RESIDENT BEDROOM SPACE REQUIREMENTS** There shall be at least 55 square feet of floor space in a bedroom designed for only one child, 50 square feet of floor space for each child in a bedroom occupied by 2 children and 45 square feet of floor space for each child in a bedroom occupied by 3 or 4 children. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(4)(c) HOLD-OVER RM LIVING SPACE REQUIREMENTS** A hold-over room licensed for the first time on or after January 1, 1994 shall have at least 60 square feet of living space for one occupant and at least 100 square feet of living space for 2 occupants. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(5)(a) BEDROOMS – REGULAR SLEEPING PROVISIONS** Regular sleeping provisions for children shall not be in any building, apartment, or other structure which is separate from the shelter care facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(5)(b) BEDROOMS – PROHIBITED SLEEPING AREAS** Children shall not be permitted to sleep in an unfinished attic, in an unfinished basement, or in a hall or any other room which is normally used for other than sleeping purposes. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(5)(c) BEDROOMS – HANDICAPS LIMITING MOBILITY** Children with handicaps limiting mobility shall not be permitted to sleep in finished basement rooms or in bedrooms above the second floor. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(5)(d) BEDROOMS – BASEMENTS** Children shall not be permitted to sleep in finished basement rooms unless provisions have been made for heating, ventilation and humidity control and there are 2 means of exit from the basement, at least one of which will open to the outside. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(5)(e) BEDROOMS – ABOVE THE SECOND FLOOR** Children shall not be permitted to sleep in bedrooms above the second floor of a one or 2 family dwelling unless provisions have been made for heating and ventilation and there are at least 2 means of exit to grade level. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(5)(f) BEDROOMS – SHARING WITH AN ADULT** No child in shelter care shall be required to sleep in a bed with an adult. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(5)(g) BEDROOMS – SHARING WITH THE OPPOSITE SEX** No child in shelter care shall be permitted to share a bedroom with a child of the opposite sex. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(5)(h) BEDROOMS – MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CHILDREN** No more than 4 children shall occupy any bedroom. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(5)(i) BEDROOMS – CHILDREN OF SHELTER CARE WORKERS** Children of the shelter care workers shall not be displaced and permitted to occupy sleeping quarters not acceptable for shelter care children except as indicated in other sections of these rules. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(5)(j) BEDROOMS – SHARING WITH STAFF** No child in shelter care shall be required to share a bedroom with a shelter care worker or a hold-over room attendant. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(5)(k) BEDROOMS – SUPERVISION DURING SLEEPING HOURS** During sleeping hours a shelter care worker or relief help or, for a hold-over room, a hold-over room attendant, shall be within call of the child or children. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(6)(a) QUIET AREA** There shall be a quiet area in the home suitable for study, or simply being alone. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(6)(b) VISITING AREA** Space shall be provided where children may receive and talk with visitors privately. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(7)(a) DINING AREA – FAMILY & SMALL GROUP FACILITIES** In family and small group shelter facilities, dining facilities shall be such as to permit all members of the household to sit down to meals together. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(7)(b) DINING AREA – LARGE GROUP FACILITIES** In large group shelter facilities dining facilities shall be provided with sufficient space and equipment to serve all the residents. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(7)(c) HOLD-OVER ROOMS – MEALS & SNACKS** The unit supervisor of a hold-over room shall arrange for nutritious meals for the occupant or occupants held in a hold-over room over a meal period or when the occupant or occupants have not had the most recent meal, and shall provide the occupant or occupants a snack between lunch and supper and at night before the occupant or occupants go to sleep. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(8)(a) BATHROOMS – RATIO OF BATHROOMS TO RESIDENTS** The facility shall contain one complete bathroom including stool, washbowl, and tub or shower, for each 8 individuals residing there. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(8)(b) BATHROOMS – LOCATION** Bathroom facilities shall be within the facility and within one floor of sleeping room occupied by children. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(8)(c) BATHROOMS – CO-EDUCATIONAL LARGE GROUP FACILITIES** In large group shelter facilities separate bathroom facilities shall be provided for both sexes if the facility is co- educational. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(8)(d) BATHROOMS – HOLD-OVER ROOMS** A hold-over room shall have bathroom facilities available on the premises that are accessible at any time to a child placed in the hold-over room. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(9) INDOOR RECREATION EQUIPMENT & SPACE** Indoor recreation equipment and space appropriate to the age and interest levels of children shall be provided. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(10)(a) FURNISHINGS – LIVING AREA** The living area shall be adequately furnished and allow for free and informal use by the children. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(10)(b) FURNISHINGS – SHARING BEDS** Each child in shelter care shall be provided with a separate bed except that siblings of the same sex may share a double bed. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(10)(c) FURNISHINGS – BEDS & BEDDING** Each bed shall be of such size as to ensure comfort of the child, be in good condition, have a clean and comfortable mattress with waterproof covering when necessary, and be provided with a pillow, 2 sheets, bedspread and blankets adequate for the season. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(10)(d) FURNISHINGS – CHANGING BEDDING** All sheets and pillow cases shall be changed at least once a week, more often if necessary and when the bed is occupied by a new resident. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(10)(e) FURNISHINGS – TRIPLE DECKER BUNKS** Triple decker bunks shall not be used. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(10)(f) FURNISHINGS – WASH CLOTHS & BATH TOWELS** An adequate supply of clean wash cloths, and bath towels shall be available to each child. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(10)(g) FURNISHINGS – HOLD-OVER RM** A hold-over room shall have a table. The hold- over room shall also have a chair for each occupant. Where necessary, comfortable sleeping accommodations shall be provided for each occupant. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(11)(a) KITCHEN** The kitchen shall be of adequate size and equipped with adequate household appliances and utensils to meet the needs of residents. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(11)(b) DISHES, SILVERWARE, UTENSILS & FOOD** Dishes, silverware, utensils and food shall be maintained and stored in clean and sanitary manner. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(12)(a) LAUNDRY – AVAILABILITY** Private or public laundry facilities shall be available to meet the needs of all residents. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(12)(b) LAUNDRY – EQUIPMENT** Any laundry equipment in the facility shall be installed and vented in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(13)(a) STORAGE – RESIDENT BELONGINGS** The shelter care facilities shall have sufficient storage space to accommodate, within reason, each child’s clothing and other belongings. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(13)(b) STORAGE – MEDICATIONS** All medicines shall be labeled and stored in a locked compartment designated for this use only except that medicines requiring refrigeration shall be properly stored and clearly labeled. All outdated medicines shall be destroyed. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(13)(c) STORAGE – DANGEROUS ITEMS** Provisions shall be made for the safe storage of potentially dangerous items. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(14) TELEPHONE** A telephone shall be provided with emergency instructions posted nearby for fire, police and medical assistance. A telephone in a locked room or requiring payment to reach the operator shall not satisfy this requirement. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(15) FIRST AID SUPPLIES** Each shelter care facility shall have first aid supplies readily available. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(16)(a) HEATING – MINIMUM TEMPERATURE** The shelter care facility shall provide a heating system which is capable of maintaining a temperature in living and sleeping quarters of at least 68° F. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(16)(b) HEATING – SYSTEM INSPECTION** The heating unit shall be maintained in a safe condition as determined through an annual check by a qualified individual acceptable to the department. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(16)(c) HEATING – PROHIBITED DEVICES** Portable electric or unvented space heaters shall not be permitted. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(17) ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS & APPLIANCES** Electrical systems and appliances shall be in good repair and properly protected. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(18)(a) WINDOW & DOOR SCREENS** All regularly opened windows and doors shall be properly screened. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(18)(b) WATER SUPPLY** The water supply shall be of safe, sanitary quality and shall be obtained from a water supply system and location, construction and operation of which shall comply with the standards approved by the department of natural resources. When water is obtained from a private well, its safety shall be determined by annual testing by a certified laboratory. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(18)(c) WATER HEATER** The shelter care facility shall be equipped with a water heater adequate to meet the needs of all residents. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(18)(d) SPOILED & DETERIORATED FOOD & GARBAGE** All spoiled and deteriorated food products shall be disposed of immediately. All garbage while in the home shall be kept in non- combustible, watertight containers. Garbage shall be removed from the living quarters at least daily, except for those facilities using a garbage compactor, which shall establish a regular schedule for the removal of garbage. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(19)(a) LIGHT & VENTILATION** All habitable rooms shall be provided with adequate light and ventilation. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(19)(b) SLEEPING ROOMS – OUTSIDE WALL & OPENABLE WINDOW** All sleeping rooms occupied by children shall be rooms with an outside wall and an openable window. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.06(19)(c) BATH & TOILET ROOMS – OPENABLE WINDOWS / EXHAUST VENTILATION**  All bath and toilet rooms shall be provided with an openable window or exhaust ventilation. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(a) EXITS – ROOMS ON THE SECOND FLOOR** Habitable rooms on the second floor shall be provided with access to 2 exits, at least one of which shall be a stairway exit. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(b) EXITS – PASSAGEWAYS** Passageways leading to exits shall be clear and unobstructed. One exit door shall be at least 3 feet in width. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(c) STAIRS SERVING 3 OR MORE LEVELS** All stairs serving 3 or more levels shall have a door at either the bottom or top of the stairs and the door shall be kept closed. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(d) SMOKE DETECTION SYSTEM – SHELTER CARE FACILITY** Except for a hold-over room under par. (dm), a shelter care facility shall have a smoke detection system. The smoke detection system shall be an interconnected system of smoke detectors listed by Underwriter’s Laboratory of a radio-transmitted smoke detection system which has a centrally mounted alarm horn or alarm horns which, when activated, can be heard throughout the facility. The smoke detection system shall be installed and regularly tested in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions, and a smoke detector shall be located at each of the following locations in the facility: |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(d)1. SMOKE DETECTORS – OPEN STAIRWAYS** At the head of every open stairway; |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(d)2. SMOKE DETECTORS – ENCLOSED STAIRWAYS** Above the door leading to every enclosed stairway on each floor level; |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(d)3. SMOKE DETECTORS – CORRIDORS** In every corridor spaced not more than 30 feet apart nor more than 15 feet from any wall; |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(d)4. SMOKE DETECTORS – COMMON USE ROOMS** including every living room, dining room, lounge, family room and recreation room, but not in the kitchen; |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(d)5. SMOKE DETECTORS – SLEEPING ROOMS** if smoking is allowed there; and |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(d)6. SMOKE DETECTORS – STAFF QUARTERS** if smoking is allowed there. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(dm) SMOKE DETECTION SYSTEM – HOLD-OVER ROOMS** A hold-over room shall either meet the requirements under par. (d) for a smoke detection system or have, at minimum, a functioning battery operated smoke detector located in the room and tested at least once a month and a functioning battery operated smoke detector located outside the room but in proximity to the room, also tested at least once a month, to provide early enough detection and adequate warning for exiting. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(e) EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN** There shall be a written posted plan for emergency evacuation of the facility and at the time of placement each resident shall be instructed in the use of the plan. Evacuation procedures shall include provisions for handling residents with limited mobility and shall be reviewed with the staff every 2 months. Large group shelter facilities shall conduct fire drills at least every 2 months. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(f) FIRE EXTINGUISHERS** A charged fire extinguisher acceptable to the local fire department shall be provided in the kitchen and on each floor of the facility. Staff shall be instructed in its use. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(g) SMOKING IN BEDROOMS** Smoking in bedrooms shall not be permitted. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(h) ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION** The licensee shall demonstrate that the facility has passed an annual fire safety inspection acceptable to the licensing agency. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(i) INTERIOR DOORS** All interior doors shall be openable from both sides in case of emergency. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(20)(j) EXTERIOR DOORS** All exterior doors shall be openable from the inside at all times without the use of a key. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(21)(a) SAFETY MEASURES – TUBS & SHOWERS** Tubs and showers shall have safety strips applied or other provisions shall be made to prevent slipping. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(21)(b) SAFETY MEASURES – STAIRWAYS, HALLS & AISLES** Stairways, halls and aisles shall be maintained in good repair, adequately lighted and free from obstacles. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(21)(c) STAIRWAYS – HANDRAILS & NON-SLIP STEPS** Each stairway shall be provided with a handrail and steps shall have a non-slip surface. |  |  |  |  |  |
| \***59.06(21)(d) PROCEDURES – EMERGENCY SITUATIONS** Each facility shall have a written plan on file which specifies action and procedures for meeting emergency situations including serious illness, severe weather and missing children. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.07(1)(a)** **CHILD RECORD** A licensee shall maintain a record for each child in the shelter care facility. The record shall contain all of the following: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.07(1)(a)1.** A form prescribed by the department that is completed with specified information about the child. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.07(1)(a)2.** For a child placed in the shelter care facility, all of the following: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.07(1)(a)2.a.** The forms required under ch. DCF 37. The licensee shall share with the child’s placing agency new and updated information required on the forms that the licensee becomes aware of while the child is placed in the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.07(1)(a)2.b.** Reasonable and prudent parenting decision records required under s. DCF 59.055 (2) (e).  **Note:** The form required under subd. 1. is DCF-F-CFS2389-E, *Shelter Care Face Sheet.*  The forms required under subd. 2. a. and ch. DCF 37 are DCF−F−872A−E, *Information for Out−of−Home Care Providers, Part A* andDCF−F−872B−E, *Information for Out−of−Home Care Providers, Part B.*  The form required under subd. 2. b. isDCF-F-5124-E, *Reasonable and Prudent Parent Decision Record.*  These forms are available in the forms section of the department website at http://dcf.wisconsin.gov or by writing the Division of Safety and Permanence, P.O. Box 8916, Madison, WI 53708−8916. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.07(2) CONFIDENTIALITY** Shelter care facility staff and volunteers shall maintain in a locked file and in confidence all information and records on children. Children shall have the right to examine their own records. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.07(3)(a) DEPARTMENT ACCESS TO RECORDS** At the request of the department, a shelter care facility shall make available for inspection all records on children received by it. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.07(3)(b) RECORD RETENTION & PERMANENT REGISTER** Records shall be held only until the child’s 21st birthday and then destroyed, except that a permanent register shall be kept listing the names of the children received for care and the dates of their admission and release. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.07(4) REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES** The licensee shall report to the department and the superintendent of shelter care as soon as possible: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.07(4)(a) REPORTING – DEATH** The death of any child in care or any serious illness or injury suffered by a child. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.07(4)(b) REPORTING – FIRE** Any fire on the premises which required the services of the fire department. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.07(4)(c) REPORTING – TERMINATING THE FACILITY** Any intention to terminate the shelter care facility. Notifications shall be at least 30 days in advance of the termination. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.07(4)(d) REPORTING – CHANGE IN UNIT SUPVSR, EXECUTIVE, CORPORATE**  **STRUCTURE** Any change in the name of the unit supervisor of any shelter care facility, or a change in the name of the executive, or chairperson of the board, or any change in the corporate structure of a corporation operating a shelter care facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.08 LICENSE DENIAL, SUSPENSION, PLACE CONDITIONS / REVOCATION** The department may deny, revoke or suspend a license, initiate other enforcement actions specified in this chapter or in ch. 48, Stats., or place conditions on a license if the applicant or licensee, a proposed or current employee, a volunteer or any other person having regular contact with the children, has or has been any of the following: |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.08(1)(a) PENDING CRIMINAL CHARGE** The subject of a pending criminal charge for an action that substantially relates to the care of children or activities of the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.08(1)(b) SUBSTANTIALLY RELATED CONVICTION** Convicted of a felony, misdemeanor or other offense that substantially relates to the care of children or activities of the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.08(1)(c) DETERMINATION OF CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT / OTHER OFFENSE** Determined to have abused or neglected a child pursuant to s. 48.981, Stats., or has been determined to have committed an offense which substantially relates to the care of children or the activities of the facility. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.08(1)(d) SUBSTANTIATED MISCONDUCT FINDING** The subject of a substantiated finding of misconduct in the department’s nurse aide registry under s. DHS 129.10. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.08(1)(e) FINDING OF ABANDONMENT, PHYSICAL ABUSE / NEGLECT** The subject of a court finding that the person has abandoned his or her child, or has inflicted physical abuse or neglect on the child. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.08(1)(f) LICENSE REVOKED / DENIED WITHIN 5 YEARS** Had a child welfare agency, group home or shelter care facility license revoked or denied within the last 5 years. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.08(1)(g) VIOLATION OF DCF 59 / CH. 48** Violated any provision of this chapter of ch. 48, Stats., or fails to meet the minimum requirements of this chapter. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **59.08(1)(h) FALSE STATEMENTS / WITHHELD INFORMATION** Made false statements or withheld information. |  |  |  |  |  |

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