

APPENDIX G-8 (approved 9/29/09)
ADDITIONAL LOCAL STANDARDS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

The district may propose local standards in addition to the State standards for providers who will receive child care subsidies.

1. Described below are the additional local standards that will be required of providers as well as which providers must comply with each additional standard.

At initial enrollment the local social service district will provide the parent with the legally-exempt enrollment package, which will include a release allowing the district to request a local criminal background check for criminal convictions.

All Legally-Exempt Family Child Care providers and members of the Legally-Exempt Family Child Care provider's household 18 years of age or older and Legally-Exempt In Home Child Care providers, will be asked to sign a release at initial enrollment, which will allow the local social service district to request that the Sheriff's department conduct a local criminal background check for criminal convictions.

The standard only applies to Legally-Exempt Family Child Care providers and members of their household 18 years of age or older and Legally-Exempt In Home Child Care providers that have signed the release.

If any of the above individuals refuses to sign the release the additional standard does not apply to those individuals and these providers would be considered for temporary enrollment.

The enrollment agency will forward all signed releases to the local social service district. The social service district will give all signed releases to the Sheriff's department. The Sheriff's department will provide the results of the local criminal background check to the enrollment agency.

The results of the local criminal (convictions) history check will be used by the enrollment agency to verify that the Legally-Exempt Family Child Care provider and each member of the household 18 years of age or older and Legally-Exempt In Home Child Care Provider have provided complete and accurate information regarding any of their criminal convictions. The enrollment agency will also use this information along with the information provided on the enrollment package to determine if the provider can be enrolled.

2. Described below are the methods and resources that will be utilized to determine that these additional local standards are being met.

The Sheriff's department in Lewis County has agreed to conduct a search of their local records to determine if the Legally-Exempt Family Child Care provider and each member of the Legally-Exempt Family Child Care provider's household 18 years of age or older and Legally-Exempt In Home Child Care provider have any criminal convictions.

The Sheriff's department will provide the results of their local criminal background check to the enrollment agency. Once the results of the local criminal (convictions) background check has been forwarded to the enrollment agency the social service district will inform the enrollment agency that the additional standard has been met.

3. Described below are the procedures the district will use to notify the Legally Exempt Caregiver Enrollment Agency as to whether or not the legally exempt provider is in compliance with the additional local standards. (Districts only need to describe this procedure if the additional local standard is applied to legally exempt child care providers.)

The district and enrollment agency are co-located. The district provides the enrollment agency with written documentation that the additional standard has been met.

Until the enrollment agency receives the results of the local criminal background check from the Sheriffs department the enrollment status will remain not yet determined.

4. Described below is the justification for each additional standard.

Lewis County wants to ensure the health and safety of children that are in the care of legally exempt child care providers.