

NONTRADITIONAL PLACEMENTS	
UTILIZATION AND DEFINITIONS	
Non-traditional placements (NTP) are short-term care solutions for children in out-of-home care (OOHC) for whom a current placement search has not identified any placement options. NTP are not long-term options, and the placement search should continue with urgency when a child is in NTP.	
NON-TRADITIONAL PLACEMENT SETTINGS	
Community center	Interim caregiver
DCBS office	Private child placing (PCP)/private child caring (PCC) office
Hospital (not admitted)	Place of worship
Hotel	State park
DEFINITIONS	
Hospital boarding (not admitted)	Hospital boarding refers to health facilities holding patients, typically in the emergency department (ED), while awaiting an inpatient bed.
Interim caregiver	Short-term care provided by an approved respite provider to a child in OOHC for whom a current placement search has not identified any placement options. To be considered a last resort option to prevent a child sleeping in an office setting while the search for appropriate placement continues with urgency.
Approved respite provider	A caregiver who has met requirements specified in Section 17 of 922 KAR 1:350
Respite care	Temporary care provided by a caregiver who has met requirements specified in Section 17 of 922 KAR 1:350 for the purpose of meeting the needs of the child or providing relief to the foster or adoptive parents with the expectation of a child's return to the current foster or adoptive home. Respite care provided out of the child's foster home is considered a temporary living condition not to exceed two (2) weeks.

FAQs	
If a child came to the office for several hours but did not spend the night, should I document this as NTP?	No. A child is in placement only when they have stayed overnight. Children should not enter and exit a placement setting on the same date in TWIST. Doing so inaccurately inflates a child's number of placement moves and impacts federal data reporting.
If a child moves from one NTP location to another, for example from the DCBS Office to a hotel, is it necessary to document the child's NTP distinctly in TWIST?	Yes. Each NTP location should be entered. DCBS is required to document the physical location of a child in OOHC, not just the placement setting.
Is it permissible to place a child with a foster parent who is	No. All placements with PCP foster families must be formally accepted through the PCP agency.

approved through a PCP agency as NTP: Interim caregiver type (outside of the foster family's agreement with the PCP agency)?	
Is it appropriate to utilize NTP: Interim caregiver for a short-term placement out-of-state pending ICPC approval?	No. Placement of youth in OOHC out-of-state requires approved ICPC (KRS 615.030).
The child's teacher has agreed to placement for the weekend, but we must pick the child up on Monday morning. Is this short-term placement documented as NTP: Interim caregiver?	No. This is a fictive kin placement regardless of length of stay. Section 1 of the safety check and review and the background checks should be completed.
A newborn came into care while in the hospital with their mother. Is this infant in NTP?	No. This child is placed in a medical hospital setting or an in-home placement, depending on the child and family's circumstance.

- Non-traditional placement is a last resort option that should only be used when all other options are exhausted. The search for appropriate placement should continue with urgency until a traditional placement is identified.
- If the placement qualifies as another placement type (relative, fictive kin, foster parent, education, other, self) then it is not NTP and should not be documented as such.
- Notify the regional high acuity specialist immediately if a youth enters NTP.

GUIDE TO DOCUMENTING NTP IN TWIST

Change In Placement

Placement Type:

- ☐ DCBS Foster
 ☐ DJJ Placement
 ☐ Trial Home Visit
☐ DCBS Adoptive
 ☐ Relative Placement
 ☐ Fictive Kin
☐ PCC/PCP
 ☐ Missing from Care
 ☒ Non-Traditional
☐ Other Organization

Resource Search

Resource Type	Resource ID	Resource Name	Intake Status	Resource Status	DCBS Home	QRTP	Address	Work Phone Number	
V. Non-Traditional	1073439	Community Center	Active	A	No	No	COMMUNITY CENTER PLCMT FRANKFORT KENTUCKY 40601 (FRANKLIN)		Select
V. Non-Traditional	1073432	DCBS Office	Active	A	No	No	DCBS OFFICE PLCMT FRANKFORT KENTUCKY 40601 (FRANKLIN)		Select
V. Non-Traditional	1073436	Hospital – Not Admitted	Active	A	No	No	HOSPITAL PLCMT FRANKFORT KENTUCKY 40601 (FRANKLIN)		Select
V. Non-Traditional	1073434	Hotel	Active	A	No	No	HOTEL PLCMT FRANKFORT KENTUCKY 40601 (FRANKLIN)		Select
V. Non-Traditional	1073437	Interim Caregiver	Active	A	No	No	INTERIM CAREGIVER PLCMT FRANKFORT KENTUCKY 40601 (FRANKLIN)		Select
V. Non-Traditional	1073440	Other	Active	A	No	No	OTHER PLCMT FRANKFORT KENTUCKY 40601 (FRANKLIN)		Select
V. Non-Traditional	1073438	PCP/PCC Office	Active	A	No	No	PCP/PCC OFFICE PLCMT FRANKFORT KENTUCKY 40601 (FRANKLIN)		Select
V. Non-Traditional	1073435	Places of Worship	Active	A	No	No	PLACES OF WORSHIP PLCMT FRANKFORT KENTUCKY 40601 (FRANKLIN)		Select
V. Non-Traditional	1073433	State Park	Active	A	No	No	STATE PARK PLCMT FRANKFORT KENTUCKY 40601 (FRANKLIN)		Select

Search Again

Select one of these Nontraditional Placement settings.

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Resource/Facility Name:

Interim Caregiver

Placement Date:

1/5/2023

Intensity of Services:

Non-Traditional Placement

Per Diem:

0

Organization/Facility/Responsible Party:

Bob and Jody Miller

Location Address

Select an existing Address

No: 430

Apt:

Street: 3rd Street

City: Lexington

County: Fayette

State: Kentucky

Zip: 40507

Zip4:

Country: United States of America

See Table 1. for examples.

Enter the address where the child is located here.

Table 1: Organization/facility/responsible party examples by NTP setting	
NTP Setting	Example
Community center	Community partner property - Agape House
DCBS office	Rowan County Regional DCBS Office
Hospital (not admitted)	St. Elizabeth Edgewood Hospital
Hotel	TownePlace Suites by Marriott
Interim caregiver	Bob and Jody Miller
Other	Inactive
PCP/PCC Office	Benchmark Family Services - Prestonsburg office
Place of worship	Grace Episcopal Church
State park	Cumberland Falls State Resort Park