

Statement of Consideration (SOC)

PPTL 23-18 SOP 3.4, SOP 3.10, SOP 3.12, SOP 4.24, SOP 5.1, and SOP 12.9. The following comments were received in response to SOP drafts sent for field review. Thanks to those who reviewed and commented. Comments about typographical and grammatical errors are excluded; these errors have been corrected as appropriate.

Safe Sleep

1. Comment:

In the SOP, the suggestion was to check on a baby every 15 minutes? I was wondering if that pertained to a baby simply taking a nap, or one that has been put down for the night? Every 15 minutes seems a bit much; if a woman is a single mom, I can't see her getting up every 15 minutes to check on the child?

Response: This recommendation is found in the "SAFE SLEEP GUIDANCE FOR FOSTER PARENTS" and is directly stating if the baby is crying and won't stop and you need time to calm yourself, place your baby in a safe sleep space (Alone, on their Back and in their Crib) and check on them every fifteen (15) minutes. This statement appears to be directed to those situations when a caretaker needs a break when a child is upset, this is not directly stating to check on the child every 15 minutes while they are sleeping.

2. Comment:

As policy is reflecting promotion of safe sleep guidance, is it possible to look at pursuing a TWIST function for case planning for children less than 1 year of age to pick up an auto task concerning the sleeping arrangement? Additionally, while the changes reflect a handout for safe sleep practices, is it possible to adopt a colorful visual to be used in the investigative packets and case planning when working with parents of infants?

Response: This content is listed under practice guidance and not procedure, therefore, it is not appropriate for TWIST changes. The referenced handout can be found in the resources section of the SOP manual. The original more colorful document is produced by the Division of Child and Maternal Welfare. Copies can be requested from that agency.

SOP 3.4

No comments.

SOP 3.10

No comments.

SOP 3.12

No comments.

SOP 4.24

No comments.

SOP 5.1

1. Comment:

I would like clarification on SOP 5.1 under footnote where it is added:

11. The service array cannot be offered to parents whose parental rights have been terminated, or caregivers in Kentucky who are taking placement of a child(ren) via an Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) request.

I want to make sure that it is only referring to the parents and not the other biological relatives of that child regardless if the child had been adopted.

Response: Yes, this is only for parents of the child both the biological parents and the adoptive parents. The ICPC section is for all relatives who accept placement from another state. Service array is only for children that CHFS is placing.

SOP 12.9

No comments.