



Interim Care Home (I-Care)

PURPOSE

When it is unsafe for a child to remain with their birth families due to abuse or neglect, the child enters foster care. The Family Services team attempts to place children with relatives or fictive kin caregivers, but when this is not possible, children need a regular licensed foster care placement. They may enter congregate care while waiting for their foster home. Interim Care (I-Care) Home providers prevent children from entering congregate care. They provide emergency interim care for infants, children, teens, and sibling groups for a short amount of time while a regular licensed foster home is located for the child(ren).

REQUIREMENTS

I-Care providers complete the same requirements as our regular licensed foster caregivers.

This includes:

- completing 24 hours of foster care training
- completing a home study
- working alongside the licensing team to ensure you meet the guidelines set forth in the NRS 424 & NAC 424.

Upon completion of requirements, your license will reflect the ages of children that you would like to care for. You can be licensed for 1-6 beds.

EXPECTATIONS

CAREGIVER

- Be available 24 hours, 7-days-a-week
- Return all communications regarding placement as soon as possible
- Only accept placements authorized as interim care as determined by DFS

DEPARTMENT

- Work to ensure all interim placements do not exceed 30 days
- Pay a monthly retainer along with the standard foster care rate
- Encourage time off from interim care duties

