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Plan for Transitioning Registered Family Day Care Homes to Licensed Day Care Homes Lexie's Law (Senate Substitute HB 2356) Effective July 1, 2010

New Applicants

New applications for registered family day care homes received by KDHE on or after July 1, 2010 will not be processed. The applicant will be sent a letter regarding the new law and will be given the option to withdraw the application or submit the required items to complete an application for a day care home license. Initial application packets for registered homes are no longer being distributed.

New applicants must be a high school graduate or the equivalent of a high school graduate, such as having a GED. This requirement does not apply to individuals who submitted an application prior to July 1, 2010, and existing licensees and registrants.

Existing Registered Family Day Care Homes

July 2010 Renewals. In order to renew a registration certificate that expires in July, the registrant will need to submit the complete registered family day care home renewal packet and the \$15 fee that is now required. The complete packet and fee will need to be received by KDHE no later than July 31, 2010 in order to ensure there is no lapse in authorization to care for children. The renewed certificate will expire June 30, 2011 when the category of registered family day care home goes away.

August 2010 Renewals and ongoing Each child care provider whose registration certificate expires in August or later will receive a letter explaining the new law and a licensed day care home application packet. The letter and the packet will be sent 60 to 90 days in advance of the expiration date of the certificate. In addition, the surveyor will contact the registrant to schedule the initial licensing survey before the certificate expires.

A registrant may apply for a day care home license anytime. However priority for transitioning existing registered family day care homes to licensed day care homes is by renewal date.

In order for an existing registrant to obtain a temporary permit or a license, KDHE must receive the licensing fee, a complete application to conduct a day care home or group day care home, and an initial survey documenting compliance or a corrective action plan. In some communities local fees may be assessed or local codes and ordinances may need to be met.

Additional Information

- Lexie's Law revokes registration statutes effective July 1, 2010.
- Kansas has until June 30, 2011, to transition registered family day care homes to licensed day care homes.
- Current certificates of registration remain in effect until they expire.
- The capacity for an existing registered home will not change until a temporary permit or license is issued.
- Registrants who are transitioning to a license will need to meet licensing requirements.
- For more information about Lexie's Law or to access FAQs you may go to the KDHE website at www.kdheks.gov/kidsnet

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