

Title 07 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Subtitle 05 SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION — PRIVATE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCIES

Chapter 01 License for Private Child Placement Agencies

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.14 Employee Qualifications.

C. Qualifications of Specific Positions.

- (1) The chief administrator of an agency shall:
 - (a) Unless continually employed as a chief administrator in compliance with COMAR 07.02.13 before the effective date of this chapter, be:
 - (i) State licensed as a certified social worker,
 - (ii) State licensed as a psychologist,
 - (iii) State licensed as a physician, practicing as a psychiatrist, or
 - (iv) If a chief administrator of an agency which only provides adoption services in compliance with COMAR 07.05.03 and this chapter, a member of the Maryland Bar;
 - (b) Have 4 years direct experience in child welfare;
 - (c) Have the physical, mental, and emotional capabilities to administer the agency; and
 - (d) Be a full-time employee of the agency.
- (2) The director of child placement services shall:
 - (a) Have a master's degree in social work from an accredited school of social work;
 - (b) Have at least 2 years experience in child placement; and
 - (c) Be State licensed as a graduate or certified social worker.
- (3) A child placement supervisor shall:
 - (a) Have a master's degree from an accredited school of social work; and
 - (b) Be State licensed as a graduate or certified social worker.
- (4) A child placement worker employed by an agency with a license to provide treatment foster care placements or private adoptions shall be:
 - (a) A State-licensed master's level social worker and have received a master's degree from an accredited school of social work;
 - (b) A State-licensed bachelor social worker supervised by a State-licensed master's level social worker; or
 - (c) A State-licensed graduate professional counselor who is supervised by a Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists-approved supervisor or a State-licensed clinical professional counselor.
- (5) A child placement worker employed by an agency with a license to provide private foster care placements or independent living program placements shall:
 - (a) Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in an approved behavioral science, such as: child development; sociology; psychology; counseling; nursing; criminology; juvenile justice; human growth and development; human services; mental health; or human resources management that includes at least 30 credit hours in human services or human development; and
 - (b) Be supervised by a State-licensed master's level social worker.