

FOSTER CARE LICENSING CHECKLIST NAMING CONVENTIONS FOR FSFN

Please use the designated names for each licensing requirement that is NOT included on the *License/Re-License Checklist*

FSFN CHECKLIST NAME	LICENSING REQUIREMENT
Law Enforcement Responses	Records of any responses to the home by law enforcement that did not result in criminal charges.
Dual License-Family Daycare	Licensed out-of-home caregivers that have contracted with a lead agency are authorized by s. 409.1671, F.S., to provide child care as a licensed family day care, as defined in s. 402.302(8), F.S., if they meet the requirements for licensing, with hours between 6am and 7pm, if applicable.
Pet Description	Description of any household pets, exotic pets, or livestock; description of animal safety plan, if needed.
Fire Hazards	The home shall be safe from fire hazards including: combustible items shall be stored away from sources of heat; exits, stairways and hallways shall be free of obstacles.
Outdoor Play Area	The home shall have a safe outdoor play area on the property or within walking distance. All outdoor play equipment shall be kept in good repair. If the home is located on a busy street, there shall be a safety plan for supervision.
Child's Religion/Faith	A licensed out-of-home caregiver shall cooperate with the child's case manager arranging opportunities for a child to participate in the faith of his or her choice or that is requested by the child's family.
Holiday/Celebration Participation	Explore prohibitions against celebrating holidays or birthdays.
Promotion of Child's Development	Licensed out-of-home care providers are expected to provide supervision, structure and daily activities designed to promote the individual physical, social, intellectual, spiritual, and emotional development of the children in their home according to each child's age and developmental level.
Signatures	<p>The UHS shall be reviewed and signed by the Licensing Counselor or designated Guardianship Assistance Program Specialist and their supervisor.</p> <p>The prospective out-of-home caregiver(s) shall have read, completed and signed all documentation required for licensing as listed under Rule 65C-13.025(5)(b), F.A.C., and shall be provided copies of signed documents upon request.</p>
Permanent Sleeping Arrangement	Children of any age shall not sleep on a living room sofa, cot or foldaway bed as a regular sleeping arrangement.
Water Safety Requirements	Children who are placed in licensed homes which are adjacent to any body of water or that have swimming pools shall be instructed in water safety regardless of age or swimming capability.

Pool Safety Requirements

- (1) Wading pools shall be set up and maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions. Wading pools shall be emptied and stored when not in use and shall be filled with clean water before each use.
- (2) All pools above or in ground shall be equipped with at least one (1) of the following life saving devices: ring buoy; rescue tube; flotation device with a rope; or a shepherd's hook of sufficient length to cover the area.
- (3) Hot tubs and spas not adjoined to an in-ground pool shall be required to have a safety cover that is locked when not in use.
- (4) Gates that provide access to swimming pools must open outward, away from the pool, and be self-closing and equipped with a self-locking device, the release mechanism of which must be located on the pool side of the gate and so placed that it cannot be reached by a young child over the top or through any opening/gap. A wall of a dwelling may serve as part of the barrier if it does not contain any door or window that opens to provide access to the swimming pool. A barrier may not be located in a way that allows any permanent structure, equipment, or similar object to be used for climbing the barrier.
- (5) In Ground Swimming Pools: A residential swimming pool must meet at least one of the following requirements relating to pool safety features:
 - a. The pool must be isolated from access to a home by an enclosure that meets the pool barrier requirements of s. 515.29, F.S.
 - b. The pool must be equipped with an approved safety pool cover.
 - c. All doors and windows providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with an exit alarm that has a minimum sound pressure rating of 85 dB A at 10 feet.
 - d. All doors providing direct access from the home to the pool must be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching device with a release mechanism placed no lower than 54 inches above the floor
- (6) A swimming pool alarm that, when placed in a pool, sounds an alarm upon detection of an accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. Such pool alarm must meet and be independently certified to ASTM Standard F2208.
- (7) Above Ground Swimming Pools:
If the sides of an above ground pool are 4 feet tall, they may be used as the barrier for that pool. Above ground pools with steps or ladders shall have them secured, locked, or removed when the pool is not in use. If the pool cannot be emptied after each use, the pool shall have a working pump and filtering system.