

VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT IS TO OBTAIN TREATMENT OR CARE RELATED TO THE CHILD'S DISABILITY THAT THE PARENT IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE.

(II) A CHILD DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY REMAIN IN AN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT UNDER A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT FOR MORE THAN 180 DAYS IF THE CHILD'S DISABILITY NECESSITATES CARE OR TREATMENT IN THE OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT AND A JUVENILE COURT MAKES A FINDING THAT CONTINUATION OF THE PLACEMENT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD.

(c) (1) The local department shall provide 24-hour a day care and supportive services for a child who is committed to its custody or guardianship in an out-of-home placement on a short-term basis OR PLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT AGREEMENT.

(2) (i) A child may not be committed to the custody or guardianship of a local department and placed in an out-of-home placement solely because the child's parent or guardian lacks shelter OR SOLELY BECAUSE THE CHILD'S PARENTS ARE FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO PROVIDE TREATMENT OR CARE FOR A CHILD WITH AN EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL, OR A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY OR MENTAL ILLNESS.

(ii) The local department shall make appropriate referrals to emergency shelter services and other services for the homeless family with a child which lacks shelter.

(i) The Administration shall adopt regulations that:

(1) for the 12-month period beginning on October 1, 1983, and for each subsequent 12-month period, establish specific goals as to the maximum number of children who will remain in foster care for more than 2 years;

(2) prohibit a local department from seeking the custody or guardianship of a child for placement in foster care solely because the child's parent or guardian lacks shelter OR SOLELY BECAUSE THE CHILD'S PARENTS ARE FINANCIALLY UNABLE TO PROVIDE TREATMENT OR CARE FOR A CHILD WITH AN EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL, OR A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY OR MENTAL ILLNESS; and

(3) require the local department to make appropriate referrals to emergency shelter and other services for families with children who lack shelter.

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~~(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

~~(r) (1) "Neglect" means the leaving of a child unattended or other failure to give proper care and attention to a child by any parent or other person who has permanent or temporary [care or custody] CARE, CUSTODY, or responsibility for supervision of the child under circumstances that indicate:~~

~~[(1)] (1) that the child's health or welfare is harmed or placed at substantial risk of harm; or~~