



# Practice Points

## Sibling Placements

The purpose of this Practice Point is to clarify policy regarding our effort to keep siblings together.

Per policy we can temporarily exceed licensing capacity for sibling groups in order to keep the siblings together. A priority should be made to place siblings and minor parent and child together, whenever possible. This applies to traditional, behavioral, and career homes. The decision to place a sibling group in a home that will temporarily exceed its licensing capacity must be discussed at a Family Support Team meeting prior to the placement. The discussion should include input from the therapist as well as the other team members. The Family Support Team should consider the age and developmental needs of each child, their attachment and emotional bond to one another and the effects separation will have on the siblings.

For further details on the placement of siblings, please review:

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual/section4/ch4/sec4ch4sub2.htm>

NOTE: A career foster parent may not care for more than four (4) children with a maximum of two (2) who are qualified for CFC simultaneously. Supervisory approval may be sought to accommodate siblings of the CFC child.

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual/section4/ch16/sec4ch16sub4.htm>