



**TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM (TLP) ADVOCATE AND INDEPENDENT LIVING
ARRANGEMENT (ILA) CHECKLIST**

PHYSICAL STANDARDS OF HOME

- Home is constructed, arranged and maintained to provide adequately for occupants health and safety.
- Size, space, furnishings and equipment adequately accommodate the advocate (s) and youth in care.
- The home meets local fire, health, sanitation and safety requirements.
- Flammable liquids, matches, cleaning supplies, poisonous materials, medicines, weapons or other hazardous items are stored. All weapons are locked in a cabinet or closet. All guns have trigger locks installed.
- Private water supply is safe for human consumption.
- The interior of the home is free from an accumulation of visible dirt and any evidence of vermin and rodent infestations.
- All rooms have proper lighting and ventilation.
- All interior doors, when locked, may be opened from the outside in an emergency.
- A mobile home has an exit at each end of the home.
- A mobile home is anchored by cable to the ground.

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

- Sleeping rooms for the foster youth are located within the advocate home.
- Foster youth of the opposite sex shall not sleep in the same room.
- Foster youth has own sleeping area separate from the advocate (s).

FIRE AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- The house number is plainly visible from the street in case of an emergency.
- The advocate (s) has a posted plan for evacuation in case of fire. Foster youth will be instructed in the evacuation plan.
- Every room used for sleeping, living or dining purposes has at least two means of exit, at least one of which is a door or stairway providing a means of unobstructed travel to the outside. An operable window will be considered as one means of exit.
- Rooms or space accessible by ladder folding stairs or trap doors is not used for living or sleeping purposes.
- In apartment buildings, where the residence is second floor or above, there is an exit stairway.
- A smoke detector is installed at a location where sleeping areas can be alerted.
- A portable ABC fire extinguisher of at least 2 1/2 pound capacity is located near the kitchen area.
- Heating appliances are not located in a place which blocks escape in case of malfunctioning which could result in a fire.
- Fireplaces, wood stoves, heaters, radiators, or floor furnaces are protected as required by the fire inspector.

COMMENTS