



COLORADO

Office of Children,
Youth & Families

Division of Child Welfare

NON-CERTIFIED KINSHIP PROVIDER FILE REVIEW FACT SHEET

- Kinship Family Foster Caregiver is a relative or person with a significant relationship to the family or prior relationship with the child/youth who has met the same certification requirements as a traditional foster parent.
- Non-Certified Kinship Caregiver is a relative or person with a significant relationship to the family that has not met the same certification requirements as a foster parent or has chosen not to pursue the process. Non-certified kinship caregivers are required to pass background checks and home inspections.
- CDHS identified 868 non-certified kinship providers for this review:
 - 450 records met criteria for the review
 - Non-certified kinship provider who had a child placed there
 - 418 records did not meet criteria for the review
 - Interstate Compact of for Placement of Children (ICPC)
 - Child(ren) were never placed with the provider
 - IV-E Waiver only supports
 - The home is actually a certified foster or adoptive home
 - The provider was the biological parent
 - Placements ended prior to January of 2008
 - Records were destroyed, placement entered into Trails in error
 - Placements lasting 3 days or less
 - 46 of the 64 counties had records reviewed
 - 18 Counties did not have any records that met eligibility criteria or had no open non-certified kinship placement

See Table for Number of Records for each respective County Department of Human Services

- 14 counties had one review each, we did not include them in the information for confidentiality purposes but their numbers are in the statewide total
- The process included a review of each file to the rule looking for the following four components that are required for applicants and all other adults in the home:
 1. Fingerprint-based CBI criminal history background checks;
 2. Fingerprint-based FBI criminal history background checks;
 3. Review of the state automated data system for child abuse/neglect; and,
 4. Checks for confirmed allegations of child abuse/neglect in all states that any adults (21 and older) in the home who have resided outside of Colorado in the previous 5 years.
- Counties received a score of 100% if all four components were found in the record.
- This was a point in time review, many counties have worked hard to update provider records and have done great work to improve their performance.
- CDHS has taken the following actions as a result of this review:
 1. Addressed and ensured safety of all children/youth if background check documentation was not provided.
 2. Offered immediate technical assistance to those counties identified as not compliant.
 3. Scheduling onsite visits with counties.
 4. Continue to implement rule changes, a new rule is being developed around the requirement to do both a name-based and address-based check with the state and national sex offender registries. Guidance was provided to counties recommending these checks in an email to County Directors on August 27, 2014.
 5. Implementing a plan for ongoing reviews of counties and their practices for non-certified kinship care providers.
 6. Governor Hickenlooper has included in his budget a request to modernize the Trails system. This will provide an automated system to allow for tracking of these documents in real time.

Number of Records Sampled Per County and Overall File Completion Percentage

Statewide: 450 in the sample with a 65% Overall File Completion Percentage

County	Number of Providers in Sample	Overall File Completion Percentage*	County	Number of Providers in Sample	Overall File Completion Percentage*
Adams	35	51%	Jefferson	33	79%
Alamosa	16	53%	Kiowa	2	81%
Arapahoe	48	55%	Larimer	29	40%
Archuleta	5	25%	Las Animas	8	92%
Boulder	7	92%	Logan	2	69%
Broomfield	3	100%	Mesa	13	88%
Costilla	3	63%	Montezuma	7	60%
Crowley	2	100%	Montrose	10	38%
Delta	6	23%	Morgan	10	89%
Denver	43	53%	Otero	7	80%
Douglas	3	67%	Phillips	2	57%
El Paso	36	57%	Prowers	4	63%
Fremont	9	80%	Pueblo	37	69%
Gilpin	3	59%	Rio Grande	4	25%
Grand	2	75%	Saguache	3	94%
Huerfano	4	56%	Weld	40	87%

* All four pieces of documentation present in file.

The Overall File Completion Percentage was achieved by the overall percentage of the following documentation in the record for identified providers and all other adults in the household:

- CBI criminal history check;
- Fingerprints were completed;
- FBI criminal history check; and,
- Trails check for child abuse/neglect.

This list excludes the 32 county departments that had one or no non-certified kinship providers.