

Federal Law	State Statute	Volume 7 Rules	Effective Date	CDHS Division of Child Welfare Contact
Limit the consideration of OPPLA to children ages 16+ and require a heightened review process and additional documentation for children prior to the adoption of an OPPLA goal and at each court hearing. The additional documentation required includes but is not limited to, a “rigorous examination of kin and permanent connections,” the youth’s desired permanency outcomes, and steps taken to ensure involvement in developmentally appropriate activities and social events.	n/a	7.301.24(Q) 7.304.54(I-P)	August 1, 2015 November 1, 2015	Gretchen Russo Permanency Unit Manager CDHS Division of Child Welfare gretchen.russo@state.co.us 303.866.3197
Include in the family search and engagement requirements a diligent and timely good faith effort to locate and contact parents of siblings of a child/youth in addition to noncustodial parents, grandparents, and other adult relatives.	n/a	7.002(A) 7.304.52(A-D,F)	November 1, 2015	Mary Griffin Foster Care & Relative Guardianship Assistance Programs Manager CDHS Division of Child Welfare mary.griffin@state.co.us 303.866.3546
Require immediate notification of missing children and reasonable efforts to locate missing children ; assess the factors that contributed to the child’s status as missing and the child’s experiences while missing, including whether the child is a possible sex trafficking victim ; and respond to the identified factors and experiences through services.	HB15-1078 19-1-115.3	7.000.2 - added definitions of “sex trafficking” “sex trafficking victim” “missing”: a child who is in the legal custody of the county department of human or social services and has been reported to the county department of human or social services as absent from out-of home placement and the child’s whereabouts are unknown by the county department of human or social services. 7.303.4 7.304.62(Q)	November 1, 2015	Lorendia Schmidt CAPTA Administrator CDHS Division of Child Welfare lorendia.schmidt@state.co.us 303.866.4268

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Implement the reasonable and prudent parent standard by authorizing foster parents and placements to use this standard to approve participation in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.	n/a	7.000.2 - new definitions of: "developmentally appropriate" "reasonable and prudent parent standard" 7.304.21(D)(2)(g) 7.304.61(G) 7.304.62(P,Q) 7.701.200	November 1, 2015	Mary Griffin Foster Care & Relative Guardianship Assistance Programs Manager CDHS Division of Child Welfare mary.griffin@state.co.us 303.866.3546
Enhance the planning process for successful transition to adulthood by requiring this process for all youth in foster care ages 14+ . Allows youth to identify two significant persons to participate in the planning team, requiring documentation of the youth's rights, requires Independent Living Plans at age 14 (formerly age 16), and credit reports starting at age 14.	n/a	7.301.21(C) 7.301.24(K-L) 7.305.1 7.305.2(A,C,E)	November 1, 2015	Brian Brant Adolescent Services Administrator CDHS Division of Child Welfare brian.brant@state.co.us 303.866.4539
Expand eligibility for Chafee services to children ages 14-21 and enumerate factors to be considered in the prioritization of Chafee services.	n/a	7.305.4(A-B) 7.305.41(F) 7.305.42 (A-C)	November 1, 2015	Brian Brant Adolescent Services Administrator CDHS Division of Child Welfare brian.brant@state.co.us 303.866.4539
Require the provision of vital life documents ninety days prior to the emancipation date of all foster youth over the age of 18 who have been in foster care at least six months.	n/a	7.305.5	November 1, 2015	Brian Brant Adolescent Services Administrator CDHS Division of Child Welfare brian.brant@state.co.us 303.866.4539
Implement successor guardian procedures.	n/a	7.311.61 (B) 7.311.62(C) 7.311.64	November 1, 2015	Mary Griffin Foster Care & Relative Guardianship Assistance Programs Manager CDHS Division of Child Welfare mary.griffin@state.co.us 303.866.3546

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