

## Child and Family Services Licensing Policy Manual: Introduction Philosophy and Development

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<b>Philosophy</b>	Licensing is a process that promotes the protection of youth, aged or handicapped individuals through specific requirements regarding their care and the qualification of providers. Licensing also helps protect the rights of service providers, parents and others. Licensing requirements are intended to be non-discriminatory. Requirements apply equally to all applicants regardless of race, religion, and geographic or socio-economic background.
<b>Development</b>	Licensing rules, adopted by the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), were developed and implemented through the combined efforts of foster parents, provider associations, licensing workers, placing workers, supervisors and staff from various state departments.
<b>Types of Facilities Licensed by CFSD</b>	<p>CFSD licenses youth foster homes, kinship care homes and child placing agencies, including adoption agencies.</p> <p>CFSD also approves adoptive and guardianship families.</p>
<b>References</b>	<p>Mont. Code Ann. § 52-2-601 through 52-2-603 Mont. Code Ann. § 52-2-621 through 52-2-623 Mont. Code Ann. § 52-8-102 through 52-8-108 Admin. Rule. Mont. 37.93.101 through 37.93.716 Admin. Rule Mont. 37.97.101 through 37.97.1019</p>