

Getting to know the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR)

The purpose of this exercise is to help familiarize CASA volunteers with COMAR which may be accessed online: <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/COMAR/COMARHome.html>

Definitions

1. _____: a 24 hour substitute care program, operated by a licensed child placement agency, or local department of social services, for children with a serious emotional, behavioral, medical, or psychological condition.
2. _____: the setting most consistent with the best interests and special needs of the child.
3. _____: a child younger than 24 months old.
4. _____: an individual certified by a licensed child placement agency to provide 24 –hour care for a foster child in the home where the individual resides.
5. _____: continuous 24-hour care and support services provided for a minor child by an individual or individuals certified by a licensed child placement agency as foster parents.

True/False

1. (TRUE/FALSE) Foster Parents are not allowed to maintain firearms in their homes while children are placed there.
2. (TRUE/FALSE) Boys and girls may sleep in the same room until age 4.
3. (TRUE/FALSE) Foster Parents must give at least 30 days' notice when requesting removal of a child except in circumstances that are critical to the health and safety of the child or foster family.
4. (TRUE/FALSE) In order to protect the child's privacy, the Department cannot provide foster parents with relevant information that is available about the child and the reason the child is being placed in foster care.

5. (TRUE/FALSE) If a foster child causes damages to the personal property of a person other than the foster parent, the foster parent will be liable because they failed to properly supervise the child.

6. (TRUE/FALSE) Each child shall have adequate bedding and an individual bed, which may include a sofa bed or a bunk bed.

7. (TRUE/FALSE) When a foster child's whereabouts are unknown, a foster parent must contact local authorities within 8 hours.

Answer the following questions

When disciplining foster children, the following punishments are prohibited:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

When prioritizing permanency plan options, the local department's order of preference should be:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

The answers to the quiz may be found in the following COMAR Regulations:

1. COMAR - 07.02.11.13 Case Planning for Permanency
2. COMAR – 07.05.02.09 Certified Foster Parent Restrictions and Reporting Responsibilities
3. COMAR – 07.02.25.03 Conflict Resolution
4. COMAR – 07.05.02.02 Definitions
5. COMAR – 07.02.25.19 Discipline of Foster Children
6. COMAR – 07.02.25.06 Foster Parent Standards
7. COMAR – 07.05.02.10 Foster Parent’s Home Equipment and Supply Requirements
8. COMAR – 07.02.25.07 Home Study Process
9. COMAR – 07.02.25.21 Liability insurance and Reimbursement for Loss to Foster Parents
10. COMAR – 07.02.25.09 Local Department Responsibilities to Foster Parents
11. COMAR – 07.02.11.18 Procedures in Response to Runaway Children or Child Abduction
12. COMAR – 07.02.25.08 Responsibilities of a Foster Parent
13. COMAR – 07.02.25.01-1 Rights of a Foster Parent
14. COMAR – 07.02.11.31 State Standard Rates for Out-of-Home Placement under the Direct Supervision of a Local Department
15. COMAR – 07.02.25.05 Technical Requirements for Foster Home Approval