

Children's Residential Care Licensing Unit Highlights

Idaho Department of Health & Welfare Division of Family and Community Services

RULE REVIEW 16.06.02 761.01 k and 746 Work Assignments

The weather is warming and our thoughts are turning to the great outdoors and sunshine. We naturally are thinking about Spring Cleaning, garden preparation, letting in some fresh air, feeding the wildlife, playing outdoors, gathering around the fire pit, barbecuing etc.

Some licensing tips to keep in mind around these activities include: Checking window screens, preventing or eliminating wasps nests, locking gardening supplies, wearing sunscreen and thinking about Spring Cleaning chores in

terms of the following licensing rules :

746 states: Children may be given a non-vocational work assignment as a constructive experience in compliance with child labor laws, which are age appropriate and within the child's capabilities. The primary purpose of work must not be to substitute for paid labor.

Large maintenance projects would usually not be appropriate for youth.; Neither would jobs that require the use of chemicals (insect spray and chemical lawn treatments). However, group

projects where staff and youth are working side by side and children are learning a task within their capabilities is acceptable.

761.01k: Behavior Management Policies prohibit a physical work assignment that produces unreasonable discomfort.

Unreasonable discomfort will, of course, be different for each person. Please keep the following in mind when working with youth: watch for blisters, excessive physical exertion, access to water, appropriate use of

tools, sun screen, insect repellent, gloves and appropriate clothing.

Reasonable timeframes in which to accomplish assignments must be adhered to. If the youth is not making progress in the assignment, another approved form of behavior management should be implemented.

Remember: Doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results is insanity.

Work assignments related to discipline are carefully scrutinized by licensing specialists.

Did you know.....

...16 Counties in Idaho tested positive for West Nile Virus in 2013

...Idaho maintains a website with up to date information on west nile virus

...Information on how to "Fight the Bite" can be found at:

www.westnile.idaho.gov

...Idaho boasts 3,100 river miles (more than any other state)

...the Idaho state fruit is the Wild Huckleberry

...Hells Canyon is the deepest river gorge in America, 7,900 ft. deeper than the Grand Canyon

...The Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness is the largest wilderness area in the 48 contiguous states with 2.3 million acres of rugged, unspoiled backcountry.

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| Academy Ranches | Innercept 1 & 2 |
| Anchor House | InnerRoads |
| A New Beginning | Kinderhaven |
| Bannock House | LDS Family Services |
| Bingham County Transition | MK Place |
| Bannock Youth Foundation | Northwest Academy |
| Boulder Creek Academy | Northwest Children's Home |
| Casey Family Programs | Northwoods 1 & 2 |
| CASI | PATH |
| Cherry Gulch | Patriot Center |
| Christian Children's Ranch | Project Patch |
| Children's Village | Safe House |
| Daybreak Canyon | Schrom Home for Boys |
| Elk Mountain Academy | Sequel/Hayden |
| Gustafson House | Sequel/TSI |
| Harmony House | St. Dominic School |
| Hays Shelter | Syringa House |
| Hope House | Teton Peaks |
| Idaho Youth Ranch | Treasure Valley Transition |
| IYR Adoptions | |

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