

Use of Hotels For Child and Youth Placement

The Child Protection Worker may utilize a hotel room as a temporary placement for a child or youth in the event an Extended Family, Provisional or Regular Foster Home cannot be immediately accessed.

REFERENCE

Department of Health and Social Services Policy

PURPOSE

- To ensure all children and youth in the NWT have safe, secure and adequate temporary shelter in times of immediate or emergency need.

PROCEDURE

1. Complete the *Request to Use Hotels for Child and Youth Placement* form and submit it to the Supervisor for approval prior to the placement of children or youth in hotels.
 2. Obtain approval from the Supervisor for up to three (3) consecutive nights. Additional nights require daily approval from the Director.
 3. Ensure adequate supervision of the child or youth by ensuring a Child Protection Worker, approved foster parent or any other person approved by the Assistant Director stays with the child or youth at all times.
 4. Ensure the child or youth is provided with adequate nutrition, clothing and activities (ie: movie passes, swim passes, outdoor exercise) for the time they are required to stay in a hotel room.
- ❖ NOTE: When children or youth are travelling with a Foster Parent or any other authorized person for the purpose of vacation, family visit, travel to a medical appointment, adoption pre-placement visit or when evacuation is required as a result of a community natural disaster, this protocol relating to hotel approval does not apply.

FORMS

- Request to Use Hotels for Child and Youth Placement

TOOLS

- None

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Director of Child and Family Services

