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<p>Barth, R.P. (2002). Institutions vs. Foster Homes: The Empirical Base for a Century of Action. Chapel Hill, NC: UNC, School of Social Work, Jordan Institute for Families. Retrieved August 2, 2021, from <a href="https://bettercarenetwork.org/sites/default/files/Institutions%20vs%20Foster%20Homes.pdf">https://bettercarenetwork.org/sites/default/files/Institutions%20vs%20Foster%20Homes.pdf</a></p>	<p>This is a report on institutional care. It concludes there is no evidence to indicate group care enhances any of the goals of child welfare services--it is not safer or better at promoting development; it is no more stable and does not achieve better long-term outcomes. It concludes that group home placement is expensive and restrictive and should be used only when there is clear and convincing evidence that the outcomes will be superior to those of foster care and other community-based services.</p>	<p>Graphs and charts could assist a judge in decision-making.</p> <p>There is a section on alternatives to group care.</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p><a href="https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/1.-Institutions_vs_Foster_Homes.pdf">https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/1.-Institutions_vs_Foster_Homes.pdf</a></p>
<p>Office of Children &amp; Families in the Courts. (n.d.). Congregate Care. Retrieved September 16, 2021, from <a href="https://ocfcpacourts.us/childrens-roundtable-initiative/state-roundtable-workgroupscommittees/congregate-care/">https://ocfcpacourts.us/childrens-roundtable-initiative/state-roundtable-workgroupscommittees/congregate-care/</a></p>	<p>The Pennsylvania State Roundtable commissioned the Congregate Care Workgroup in May of 2018. The website provides tools, processes, and recommendations for judges and professionals to utilize when individuals become involved with child welfare.</p>	<p><i>To access this information, use the link below:</i></p> <p><a href="https://ocfcpacourts.us/childrens-roundtable-initiative/state-roundtable-workgroupscommittees/congregate-care/">https://ocfcpacourts.us/childrens-roundtable-initiative/state-roundtable-workgroupscommittees/congregate-care/</a></p>

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<p>Pecora, P., Kessler, R., Downs, A. C., English, D., White, J., &amp; Heeringa, S. (2007). <i>Why Should the Child Welfare Field Focus on Minimizing Placement Change as Part of Permanency Planning for Children?</i> Retrieved on November 12, 2021, from <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/publication/242286356">https://www.researchgate.net/publication/242286356</a></p>	<p>This article outlines a collaborative study of foster youth placement disruption. The document highlights five reasons why a focus on minimizing placement disruption is vital. Furthermore, the article covers minimizing pain/trauma, minimizing disruptive behavior or mental health issues, increasing school stability/success, maximizing services, and increasing the likelihood that a child will establish enduring positive relationships with caring adults.</p>	<p>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</p> <p><a href="https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/6.-Why-Do-Foster-Care-Placements-Disrupt-An-Investigation-of-Reasons-for-Placement-Change-in-Foster-Care..pdf">https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/6.-Why-Do-Foster-Care-Placements-Disrupt-An-Investigation-of-Reasons-for-Placement-Change-in-Foster-Care..pdf</a></p>

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<p>Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children (2021, February). Kinship Care in Pennsylvania: Creating an Equitable System for Families – February 2021. Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children. Retrieved on August 2, 2021, from, <a href="https://www.papartnerships.org/report/kinship-care-in-pennsylvania-creating-an-equitable-system-for-families-february-2021/">https://www.papartnerships.org/report/kinship-care-in-pennsylvania-creating-an-equitable-system-for-families-february-2021/</a></p>	<p>This report provides information on child welfare, formal and informal kinship care, policies &amp; practices specific to Pennsylvania, emphasizing connections that reduce trauma to assist in healthy youth development. It covers the role of the courts and legal professionals, the impacts of COVID, services for kinship caregivers, and data collection.</p>	<p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p><a href="https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2.-Kinship-Care-in-Pennsylvania-Creating-an-Equitable-System-for-Families---February-2021.-new.pdf">https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2.-Kinship-Care-in-Pennsylvania-Creating-an-Equitable-System-for-Families---February-2021.-new.pdf</a></p>
<p>Sigrid, J. (2004). Why Do Foster Care Placements Disrupt? An Investigation of Reasons for Placement Change in Foster Care. <i>Social Service Review</i>, 601-627. Retrieved November 12, 2021, from, <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/publication/249161598_Why_Do_Foster_Care_Placements_Disrupt_An_Investigation_of_Reasons_for_Placement_Change_in_Foster_Care">https://www.researchgate.net/publication/249161598_Why_Do_Foster_Care_Placements_Disrupt_An_Investigation_of_Reasons_for_Placement_Change_in_Foster_Care</a></p>	<p>This is a study examining the reasons for a placement change. This study determined that 20% of changes are behavior related. It also found that older age, externalizing behaviors, and emotional abuse increase the danger of behavior-related changes. The risk is highest during the first 100 days after entry into care.</p>	<p>While most of the article is very technical and discusses the study's methodology, which will most likely not relate to judges, the discussion portion that begins on page 620 is helpful.</p> <p>The discussion suggests increased support for foster families (including financial support) and better screening and training of foster parents will help in the disruption of placement. While the article is 22 pages, the discussion section is only 4 1/2 pages.</p>

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