

Each family will be licensed for a capacity based on available space and the foster parent's strengths and needs. This number should be a mutual decision between the foster parent and the Licensing Specialist. The capacity can be increased or decreased when appropriate after the first year of licensure. Foster parents must be aware of their limitations and be prepared to say no to new placements when they have reached their limitations. As a general rule, the number of children in the home should not exceed: two children under the age of two years old or five children between the ages of 0-17. This number includes the foster parent's biological and adoptive children, as well as any children who may be placed in relative or non-relative status.