



Standards Update:

Homestudy and Placement Services CA-KC 6.08

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Issue: Added Practice Standard

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Discussion: CA-KC 6.08 was added to clarify the applicability of vehicle safety requirements, which were previously covered under CA-ASE 6.03, for kinship caregivers. This Standards Update applies to all organisations whose Accreditation Agreement has been received by COA on or following May 1, 2008. For all other organisations, this Standards Update is optional.

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Kinship caregivers who transport children in their own vehicles:

- a. use age-appropriate passenger restraint systems;
- b. provide adequate passenger supervision, as required by statute or regulation;
- c. properly maintain vehicles and obtain required registration and inspection;
- d. provide the organisation with annual validation of current licenses, driving records, and appropriate insurance; and
- e. provide the organisation with annual validation of current licences, driving records, and appropriate insurance.

Interpretation: *The organisation should have procedures to ensure vehicles are in proper working condition. Procedures should address periodic visual inspections conducted by the organisation or provision of other documentation indicating mechanical soundness from a certified mechanic. Procedures should also address the need for repair.*

Related Standard: CA-ASE 6.03