

What are “House Rules”?

“House Rules” mean the social courtesies identified through a voluntary collaborative process by members of the household. The identified rules are non-binding and may not be solely provider driven expectations for individuals residing in the home. (OAR 411-360-0020(52))

The 5 “W’s” of House Rules/Agreements

Who?

- All household members have the opportunity to participate equally in creating “rules” (agreements)
- The Foster Care Provider facilitates this process.

What?

- Household members identify “Rules” (agreements); things that are important to them as part of sharing a home with others.
- Everyone in the home has a voice. The House rules/agreements cannot be rules directed to the household by the provider.

Where?

- Rules/Agreements should be posted in an accessible location in the home AND
- Shared with prospective household members to inform them of the culture of the home and what may be expected of them prior to moving in.

When?

- Rules/Agreements should be reviewed and updated anytime someone new moves into the home.
- New household members should be given the opportunity to contribute to the rules/agreements.

Why?

- Creates an opportunity to help individuals be aware of the needs and preferences of others who live in the home.
- Everyone in the house has an opportunity to share what is important to them.