



PROCEDURE C-2

SUBJECT: CHILDREN'S AID ACCOMMODATION PROGRAM - CAAP

The CAAP is a pilot project between the Avon Maitland District School Board (AMDSB), Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board (HPCDSB) and the Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society (HPCAS) to participate in a program with the Huron Perth Student Transportation Services (HPSTS). The purpose is to provide assistance to the HPCAS to keep foster children within their home School and reduce the usage of Volunteer Drivers. This pilot is from September 3, 2013 to June 27, 2014.

Historically, when a foster child was placed in a foster home outside of the child's home School busing boundaries, HPCAS was required to transport the child daily through the use of Volunteer Drivers/Foster Parents or have the child register in a new School. While changing Schools may be beneficial for the child and part of the service plan there are a variety of situations where remaining in their home School is beneficial, i.e., planned short/temporary admission to care, admission close to the end of a semester School year, specialized School program.

During this pilot the HPSTS will work with HPCAS to accommodate children coming into care by expanding the busing boundary and utilizing the boundary of the HPCDSB. There will be some situations where busing will not be an option and HPCAS will be responsible for transporting the child.

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When a child is admitted to care or admission is planned and requires special consideration for busing, HPCAS through the children's service managers, will facilitate a referral to the contact person at the Huron Perth Student Transportation Services via a telephone call and filling out the Request for Transportation form. HPSTS will determine if busing to a child's home School is an option and will determine the details with the children's service manager. In making the decision to transport children we will consider the age and developmental level of the child, length of time on the bus and any special needs the child may have. HPSTS will inform the agency if the request is approved. Once approved, the children's service manager will inform HPCAS accounting department outlining the start date. Once a child returns home or is registered in another School the children's service manager will inform accounting and the contact person at HPSTS that the transportation agreement is no longer in place.