10A NCAC 70E .1111 ROOM ARRANGEMENTS

- (a) Each home shall have a family room to meet the needs of the family including children placed for foster care.
- (b) The kitchen shall be large enough for preparation of food and cleaning of dishes. Each home shall have a dining area to meet the needs of the family including children placed for foster care.
- (c) Bedrooms shall be identified on a floor plan as bedrooms and shall not serve dual functions.
- (d) Children shall not be permitted to sleep in an unfinished basement or in an unfinished attic.
- (e) Each child shall have his/her own bed. Each bed shall be provided with a supported mattress, two sheets, blanket, bedspread, and be of size to accommodate the child. No day bed, convertible sofa, or other bedding of a temporary nature shall be used for the exclusive sleeping area of the child except for temporary care for up to two weeks. The sleeping room shall not be shared by children of the opposite sex except by children age five and under. The sleeping arrangements shall provide space within the bedroom for the bed and the child's personal possessions. When children share a bedroom, a child under six shall not share a room with a child over 12, except when siblings are placed together. No more than four children shall share a room.
- (f) Separate and accessible drawer space and closet space for personal belongings and clothing shall be available for each child.
- (g) The home shall have indoor, operable sanitary toilet, hand-washing, and bathing facilities. Homes shall be designed in a manner that will provide children privacy while bathing, dressing, and using toilet facilities.

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