



Local Occupancy Standards: Dependent Children Residing Part Time in the Household

In order for the household to be allocated an additional bedroom for a dependent child who resides part time in the household, two criteria must be met:

1. the dependent child must reside in the household at least 50% of the time in order for the household to qualify for the additional bedroom, and
2. official documentation must be provided as follows:
 - a custody order/agreement must be provided which shows proof that the dependent child resides in the household at least 50% of the time, or
 - if no order or agreement is available, then an affidavit/statutory declaration made before a Commissioner of Oaths is required. The document must attest to the fact that the child resides with the household at least 50% of the time.

If the criteria are not be met by the household, then an additional bedroom will not be allocated to the household.

Background

The City of Ottawa Service Manager identified in their local policy review in September 2017 that housing providers were not applying consistency in the allocation of additional bedrooms where a dependent child resides with the household on a part time basis. Due to the current policy being ambiguous, the Service Manager has made clear that two criteria must be met: that the child must reside in the household at least 50% of the time and that specific documentation must be provided as proof of such residency.