

BELIZE:

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021

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No. 52 of 2021

I assent,

(H.E. MS. FROYLA TZALAM)
Governor-General

17th December 2021

AN ACT to amend the Families and Children Act, Chapter 173 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to substitute the term “approved children home” with the term “residential care facility” in order to ensure consistency with its use in those laws that refer to residential care facilities; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted 18th December, 2021).

BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the

Short title.

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ACT, 2021,

- CAP. 173. and shall be read and construed as one with the Families and Children Act which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.
- Substitution of terms. 2. The principal Act is amended by deleting the terms “approved children home”, “Approved children’s homes”, “approved children’s home” and “approved agency” wherever they occur and substituting them with the term “residential care facility”.
- Deletion of definition. 3. The principal Act is amended in section 2 by deleting the definition of “Department”.
- Amendment of section 9. 4. The principal Act is amended in section 9–
- (a) in sub-section (1) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the word “Ministry”; and
 - (b) in sub-section (4) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the word “Ministry”.
- Amendment of section 46. 5. The principal Act is amended in section 46(2) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the word “Ministry”.
- Amendment of section 47. 6. The principal Act is amended in section 47 by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the word “Ministry”.
- Amendment of section 99. 7. The principal Act is amended in section 99(4) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”.
- Amendment of section 98. 8. The principal Act is amended in section 98–
- (a) in paragraph (a), by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words

“Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”;

- (b) in paragraph (b), by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”; and
- (c) in paragraph (c), by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services”.

9. The principal Act is amended in section 103–

Amendment of section 103.

- (a) in sub-section (1), by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”; and
- (b) in sub-section (2), by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”.

10. The principal Act is amended in section 106(1) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”.

Amendment of section 106.

11. The principal Act is amended in section 111–

Amendment of section 111.

- (a) in sub-section (1), by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”;
- (b) in sub-section (2), by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words

“Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”;

(c) in sub-section (3) by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services or Community Rehabilitation Department”; and

(d) in sub-section (4), by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services”.

Amendment of section 121.

12. The principal Act is amended in section 121 by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the word “Ministry”.

Repeal of sections 123.

13. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 123.

Repeal of section 132.

14. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 132.

Amendment of section 134.

15. The principal Act is amended in section 134(4), by deleting the word “Department” and substituting the words “Department of Human Services”.