I. POLICY
K.A.R. 28-4-429(a) states: Program directors shall be 18 years of age or older and meet the training requirements for the license capacity of the facility.

An exception to K.A.R. 28-4-429(e)(1)(A) OR (B) is granted to waive the requirements in K.A.R. 28-4-429(e)(1)(A) or (B).

A program director must demonstrate they have met one of the five options in K.A.R. 28-4-429(d) and document program director experience as required in K.A.R. 28-4-429(e)(2).

NOTE: K.A.R. 28-4-429(f) and (g) are still applicable.

II. PROCEDURES
This exception is effective on the date stated above and remains in effect unless the Department determines the exception is no longer in the best interest of children and families. Supporting documentation must be maintained on file at the facility and supplied to the Department or its designee (e.g., local licensing surveyor) upon request.

III. PURPOSE
The purpose of this exception is to allow greater flexibility to program operations and reduce barriers to Program Director staff with facilities with a licensed capacity of one hundred or more children.

IV. AUTHORITY
The Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has the authority to grant exceptions to regulations when it is in the best interest of children and families pursuant to K.A.R. 28-4-422(f)(1).