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Title 13—DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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13 CSR 110-2.010 Regional Classification Services

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to establish guidelines and lines of authority for the classification procedure when a youth is classified from one of the juvenile courts by a regional administrator or his/her designee.

(1) Each regional administrator or his/her designee, subject to all other divisional rules and policies, has full authority to assign youth to any residential unit or appropriate other placement. Classification criteria to be used is contained in 13 CSR 110-2.040.

(2) After a determination of the type of program in which a youth could best function, if it is determined s/he could best function in a community-based program, the assignment will be made in the following priority order:

(A) If a vacancy exists in the youth's home community, the regional administrator should assign the youth to a program in that community;

(B) If no vacancy exists in a local program, the assignment can be made on a regional basis; and

(C) When none of the circumstances in (2)(A)–(B) exist, the youth can be assigned to a community-based program regardless of the location as long as the regional administrator still considers the assignment in the best interest of the youth.

(3) The division will inform the juvenile court of where the youth is to be delivered and will ensure that all the appropriate records are delivered with the youth.

AUTHORITY: section 219.036, RSMo 1994.* Original rule filed Dec. 30, 1975, effective Jan. 9, 1976. Amended: Filed Feb. 10, 2000, effective Aug. 30, 2000.

*Original authority: 219.036, RSMo 1975, amended 1993,

13 CSR 110-2.020 Classification and Assignment from Reception Centers (Rescinded August 30, 2000)

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13 CSR 110-2.030 Special or Unique Ser- vice Needs

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the guidelines and lines of authority for youth who are in need of services that are not generally provided by this agency. This would include such things as psychological disorders, intellectual disabilities, specialized foster home care, special medical needs, etc.

(1) The regional administrators or their designees are responsible for making the initial determination that special services are necessary for a particular youth.

(2) When the division finds that a youth committed to its custody is in need of care of treatment other than that which the division is equipped to provide, the division may apply to the court which committed such youth requesting an order relieving the division of custody. If a change of custody is not ordered by the court, the division shall ensure the youth is provided special services within the division's capability.

(3) Requests for psychiatric evaluations and developmental disability evaluations are to be made in accordance with the Department of Mental Health's established catchment area guidelines.

(4) Upon receipt of the evaluation recommendation, the regional administrators or their designees will review the evaluation recommendation and take appropriate action to see that the necessary services are provided. If the services can be provided directly by the division then such services will be utilized. If such services cannot be provided directly by the division or if they can be provided in a more economical, effective, or practical manner by a contract provider pursuant to section 217.036, RSMo, the regional administrator or designee will initiate the necessary paperwork to obtain such services from a contract provider.

(5) The service coordinator's supervisor shall keep the regional administrator apprised of status changes of youth and any problems they may encounter.

AUTHORITY: sections 219.036 and 660.017, RSMo 2016.* Original rule filed Dec. 30, 1975, effective Jan. 9, 1976. Amended: Filed Feb. 10, 2000, effective Aug. 30, 2000. Amended: Filed April 18, 2018, effective Nov. 30, 2018.

*Original authority: 219.036, RSMo 1975, amended 1993 and 660.017, RSMo 1993, amended 1995.

13 CSR 110-2.040 Classification Criteria for Placement into Division of Youth Ser- vices (DYS) Programs

PURPOSE: Classification criteria shall provide broad guidelines for adequately assessing the individual need for services and appropriate placement for each youth committed to Division of Youth Services.

(1) A medical, psychological, and social history shall be developed for each youth by the service coordinator. Areas to be considered in developing this history are listed as follows:

(A) Medical History. Special medical needs shall be evaluated to determine if such needs can be met by Division of Youth Services (DYS). If the needs can be met by DHS, then they should be identified, treated, and explained in meaningful terms as to the impact they may have on the treatment process;

(B) Psychological History. If a youth's psychological history reveals the need for additional assessment, the following areas may be evaluated through formal or informal testing:

1. Intellectual functioning;
2. Educational achievement;
3. Screening for organic impairment;
4. Drug abuse screening; and

5. Behavioral observation and personal interview. This information shall be gathered through personal contact with parents, guardians, teachers, juvenile court staff, and relevant others. This will assist the service coordinators in their efforts to properly match the youth with the service category to which they may be assigned; and

(C) Social History.

1. An evaluation of relevant past history should include retrieval and evaluation of any pertinent information in social histories, court records, school files, etc.

2. An evaluation of the present environment should include pertinent information concerning home, school, and community conditions having an effect on classification.

(2) After developing an adequate individual history, the service coordinator should determine services most appropriate as itemized in the following Division of Youth Services (DYS) continuum:

(A) Community-Based. Services provided with supervision to maintain the youth in their own home or community placement;

(B) Community-Based Residential. When community-based services do not meet the needs of the youth, community-based residential services are provided in DHS group homes or non-DYS group home settings such



as, special contractual residential services; and

(C) Moderate/Secure Residential Treatment. When community-based or community-based residential services do not meet the needs of the youth or the community, services are provided to the youth in an appropriate moderate/secure residential treatment facility.

(3) To be eligible for community-based services as provided in subsections (2)(A) and (B) of this rule, the youth must meet the following guidelines:

(A) Have the ability to acceptably control themselves in an open community environment where supervisory controls are minimal;

(B) Be willing to participate in a community program; and

(C) Prior or committing offenses cannot be such that community reaction to the youth's immediate return to the community would negate any benefit the child might receive from community placement.

(4) General guidelines for classification and initial assignment of youth to a moderate/secure residential treatment facility are listed as follows:

(A) There are no known community services presently available that will effectively provide for the youth's needs;

(B) Direct intervention through residential treatment would increase the likelihood of successful community placement; and

(C) General community safety issues have been considered.

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13 CSR 110-2.050 Transfers Between DYS Residential and/or Community Based Programs

PURPOSE: This rule protects the rights and ensures the appropriate treatment of youth moved from one Division of Youth Services (DYS) program to another. The procedure is to be used if a youth has been inappropriately classified into a program or if the program is not meeting the youth's needs.

(1) An administrative transfer may be effected when a change in placement, either inter-

agency or intragency, may better serve the needs of the youth. An administrative transfer is a transfer from one (1) foster home to another, from one (1) community-based facility to another, or from one (1) medium or secure care facility to another.

(A) Such a transfer may be effected when one (1) or more of the following conditions are present:

1. An opening exists in a similar placement that is closer to the youth's home community;

2. A placement in a different area would provide access to a program(s) and that would be of special benefit to the youth; and

3. There is evidence the youth has potential to benefit from the program offered in his/her current placement but either internal or external forces make it difficult for them to obtain maximum value from the placement.

(B) The youth, their parent(s) or guardian(s) or site supervisor or service coordinator may request an administrative transfer in writing to the regional administrator or their designee. The regional administrator or their designee shall review the request and, if appropriate, authorize the transfer. In determining whether a transfer is appropriate, the following information as relevant in reaching a conclusion shall be considered:

1. Reasons offered both in support of and in opposition to the transfer;

2. Evaluation of the progress of the youth in the current placement; and

3. Availability of space in other programs and approval of the receiving facility manager. If this transfer is across regional lines, then the appropriate regional administrator or their designee shall be involved.

(C) The regional administrator or their designee shall notify, in writing, the youth, their parent(s) or guardian(s), and site supervisor or service coordinator of the decision as to whether the transfer is approved or disapproved and the reason therefore. The decision shall be made within five (5) working days of the request and a copy of the transfer shall be included in the youth's case record.

(2) A vertical transfer is a transfer from a community-based program to any DYS residential program.

(A) A vertical transfer may be effected when—1) the youth poses a danger to the safety of other persons, employees, the site, or the community; or 2) the youth will benefit more from the program(s) offered at the recommended site than from the program(s) offered in the current placement.

(B) The following procedures must be followed for a vertical transfer:

1. The youth, parent(s) or guardian(s), site supervisor, or service coordinator may request a transfer;

2. The request shall be in writing to the regional administrator or their designee and shall state the reasons the transfer is being requested;

3. Upon receipt of the request, the regional administrator or their designee shall appoint a hearing officer and one (1) or more parties who are neutral and objective to hold a hearing;

4. The hearing officer shall set a date for a hearing on the question of transfer. This hearing shall be held within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the request is received;

5. The youth, parent(s) or guardian(s) of the youth, and the site supervisor or service coordinator shall be given adequate and timely notice of the time and place of the hearing and of the reasons therefore, stated with specificity, that the transfer has been requested; and

6. The youth and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the youth shall also be notified that the youth has the right to present evidence, to confront and cross-examine witnesses, and to remain silent at the hearing. Further, the youth shall have the right to request a staff member or a parent(s) or guardian(s) or attorney to represent him/her at this hearing.

(C) Only information introduced as evidence at the hearing shall be considered by the hearing officer(s). The following are considered relevant to the determination: the treatment needs of the youth; and whether other programs, either community-based or residential, would provide a program(s) better suited to the needs of the youth.

(D) Within five (5) working days of the hearing, the hearing officer(s) shall notify, in writing, the youth, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the youth, and the person who has physical custody of the youth of its decision and the reasons therefore.

(E) A vertical transfer shall not be authorized as punishment.

(3) An interagency transfer is a transfer from a program or facility operated by or under the control of the division to a program or facility operated by or under the control of another agency.

(A) An interagency transfer may be effected when the division lacks the programs or services to promote the rehabilitation of the youth and another childcaring agency is equipped to provide these programs or services.

(B) The director or their designee may



authorize an interagency transfer if, after a careful examination of the youth's needs, they determine that the transfer should be effected. After a decision for transfer is made, the youth, their parent(s) or guardian(s), and the service coordinator will be notified of the decision and the reasons for the transfer. One (1) copy of the notice will be retained in the youth's case record.

(4) Appeal of a Transfer Decision. When the decision is made to transfer the youth, the youth and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the youth shall be notified of the right to petition the director for a hearing to review the decision in accordance with 219.051, RSMo.

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13 CSR 110-2.060 Furlough Policies and Procedures

PURPOSE: Furloughs granted to youth residing in Division of Youth Services (DYS) facilities should be purposeful and constructive supplements to the treatment program. Only through well-justified deliberation should furloughs be granted.

(1) Requests for furloughs require verbal and written approval by the service coordinator with written notification to identified officials, parent(s) or guardian(s), courts, and those that require notification under the law pertaining to victim's rights.

(2) Upon approval of the request for furlough, the service coordinator or facility manager shall arrange for transportation.

(3) A furlough authorization form should be prepared to accompany the youth. (The form should identify the youth, state the date, and purpose of the furlough, and include the name and phone number of the DYS residential facility authorizing the furlough.)

(4) If a youth fails to return from a furlough at the designated time, the youth is required to call the DYS facility manager or the service coordinator to provide justification for the delay and to establish an estimated time of

return. If the youth does not notify the DYS facility manager or the service coordinator or fails to provide satisfactory justification for the delay, the DYS facility manager or the service coordinator shall determine the youth to be a runaway and shall contact law enforcement and request the apprehension and detention of the youth pending the return of the youth to the division. The DYS facility manager or the service coordinator shall submit a critical incident report.

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**Original authority: 219.036, RSMo 1975, amended 1993 and 660.017, RSMo 1993, amended 1995.*

13 CSR 110-2.070 Day Release Procedures (Rescinded August 30, 2000)

AUTHORITY: sections 219.021 and 219.036, RSMo 1986. Original rule filed Dec. 30, 1975, effective Jan. 9, 1976. Rescinded: Filed Feb. 10, 2000, effective Aug. 30, 2000.

13 CSR 110-2.080 Runaway and Absconding Youth

PURPOSE: This rule establishes formal procedures to be followed when a youth runs away from a residential facility or has absconded from community care or aftercare, and is apprehended. It is recognized that local procedures followed in these circumstances vary from facility-to-facility. Each facility shall write procedures which can be logically and consistently followed.

(1) These procedures are to be followed in the case of runaways.

(A) Immediately upon the discovery and verification that a youth has run away, the premises shall be secured and an immediate search will be conducted. The local police shall be notified and given the information necessary to help locate the youth.

(B) Upon apprehension or return to placement the case will be reassessed and necessary treatment intervention made and documented.

(C) If the youth is not apprehended during the initial search period, then the need for a pickup and detention warrant will be ascertained.

(D) A critical incident report shall be prepared by the site supervisor or service coordi-

nator. Upon apprehension, the pickup order/warrant will be canceled and notification given to appropriate local law enforcement, local juvenile officer, parent(s)/guardian(s), and service coordinator.

(E) If the youth is not apprehended or does not return within fourteen (14) days, the youth will be placed on the inactive roll by the Division of Data Processing until apprehension or appropriate discharge.

(F) In the event the youth is not apprehended, has reached age seventeen (17), has passed the discharge date of any determinate sentence, if applicable, and has been on runaway status for six (6) consecutive months, the Division Director, Deputy Director, Regional Administrator, or Deputy Compact Administrator shall discharge the youth.

(2) These procedures are to be followed when a youth absconds from aftercare.

(A) Upon notification that a youth has absconded, the service coordinator shall assess the immediate situation, consulting with parent(s) or guardian(s) and the service coordinator's supervisor to determine the necessary intervention. Upon completion of the assessment, if appropriate, the service coordinator shall request the apprehension and detention of the youth by law enforcement.

(B) Upon apprehension or return to placement, the case will be reassessed and necessary treatment intervention documented.

(C) If the youth is apprehended before central office has been notified of the runaway, this fact should be indicated on the report. If the youth was not apprehended and central office was notified, then a follow-up report should be sent to the appropriate supervisor indicating the youth is back in DYS custody.

(D) In the event a pickup order/warrant was issued, a letter will be sent to officially cancel the pickup order/warrant.

(E) If a letter was sent to various officials and the parent(s)/guardian(s) notifying them of the youth's abscondence, a letter will also be sent to notify them that the youth has been apprehended.

(F) In the event a youth is not apprehended, has reached age seventeen (17), has passed the discharge date of any determinate sentence, if applicable, and has been on abscondence status for three (3) consecutive months, the Division Director, Deputy Director, Regional Administrator, or Deputy Compact Administrator shall discharge the youth.

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30, 2018.

**Original authority: 219.036, RSMo 1975, amended 1993 and 660.017, RSMo 1993, amended 1995.*

13 CSR 110-2.090 Hazardous Placement Policy

(Rescinded August 30, 2000)

AUTHORITY: section 219.036, RSMo 1986. Original rule filed Dec. 30, 1975, effective Jan. 9, 1976. Rescinded: Filed Feb. 10, 2000, effective Aug. 30, 2000.

13 CSR 110-2.100 Grievance Procedures for Committed Youth In Residential Facilities

PURPOSE: This rule insures that youth in Division of Youth Services (DYS) residential facilities have a process to submit grievances, and establishes a formal procedure for DHS to respond to those grievances.

(1) Any youth who has a grievance may submit their grievance in written form to the group leader or first line supervisor. Following receipt of the written grievance, the group leader and first line supervisor shall discuss the matter within five (5) working days and then subsequently interview the youth. A written decision shall be issued to the youth within three (3) working days after the interview. Copies of this decision shall be distributed to the youth, parent(s)/guardian(s), service coordinator, site supervisor, and regional administrator. If the decision is not satisfactory to the youth, the youth may present the grievance to the site supervisor, or next supervisor in line within five (5) days of the original decision. The site supervisor may—*a*) review the grievance and, after meeting with staff, prepare a response within five (5) working days; or *b*) convene a grievance committee of three (3) staff members, one (1) of which is the designated chairperson, to hear the grievance. The youth will be advised of the date the grievance committee will consider their complaint and the youth may request that any person represent them at the hearing. The youth will have the right to cross-examine, call witnesses, or present any testimony in their behalf.

(2) The findings of the grievance committee will be final. Records of action taken will be kept on file for future reference concerning policy or future complaints on the part of the youth. The youth will be given a copy of the findings and of other information they desire.

(3) The grievance committee should be

appointed by the site supervisor of the facility. The membership of this committee should represent a cross-section of the facility. This committee shall consist of impartial members and this impartiality will be monitored by the site supervisor. Provision to disqualify any member who is directly involved in a particular grievance should be established.

(4) It shall be the duty of the site supervisor of each program to oversee the implementation of the grievance procedure and interpret to youth and staff the following areas which will be considered for grievances: 1) physical abuse; 2) staff allowing physical abuse to a youth by another youth; 3) lack of medical or dental treatment; 4) no opportunity for three (3) meals per day; 5) verbal abuse by staff; 6) lack of opportunity for recreational activities; 7) lack of opportunity for education; 8) infringements upon religious tenets; and 9) discrimination based upon a youth's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

(5) If in the implementation of this procedure, a staff member practices prejudice against the youth who has filed the grievance and this prejudice is found to be a result of the youth's complaint, the staff member concerned shall be subject to immediate dismissal.

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**Original authority: 219.036, RSMo 1975, amended 1993 and 660.017, RSMo 1993, amended 1995.*

13 CSR 110-2.110 Responsibilities of Facility Managers

(Rescinded August 30, 2018)

AUTHORITY: section 219.036, RSMo 1994. Original rule filed Dec. 30, 1975, effective Jan. 9, 1976. Amended: Filed Feb. 10, 2000, effective Aug. 30, 2000. Rescinded: Filed Jan. 16, 2018, effective Aug. 30, 2018.

13 CSR 110-2.120 Administrative Decisions Affecting the Rights of Youth in DHS Facilities

PURPOSE: This rule standardizes procedures and establishes safeguards for the youth in those areas of treatment where the rights of the youth in residence in a Division of Youth

Services (DYS) facility may be an issue. These areas include: mailing; visitation privileges; and containment.

(1) Mailing. The Division of Youth Services (DYS) reserves the authority to inspect mail of youth in DHS residential care facilities for the purpose of detecting contraband. Mail may be opened in the presence of the youth for this purpose only. Mail between youth and attorney will not be subject to the inspection.

(2) Visitations. The Division of Youth Services recognizes the importance of family visits with the youth as a means of maintaining and improving family relationships. Each Division of Youth Services residential facility shall establish a regular visiting schedule for the purpose of maintaining order in the treatment program. Each youth and their family are to be advised in writing of the regular visiting hours at the time the youth is received at the facility.

(3) Containment. Corporal punishment or physical abuse of a youth shall not be permitted. Physical restraint, if necessary, may be used for the purpose of containment only and only then when the youth being restrained is involved in a serious incident (for example, a youth assaults another person, damages property, hurts him/herself, or runs away). Failure of an employee to abide by this policy is cause for dismissal.

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**Original authority: 219.036, RSMo 1975, amended 1993; 219.051, RSMo 1975; and 660.017, RSMo 1993, amended 1995.*

13 CSR 110-2.130 Release of Youth from DHS Facilities

PURPOSE: This rule provides an administrative procedure for the release of youth from Division of Youth Services (DYS) facilities.

(1) Release to aftercare supervision shall be made under the following procedure:

(A) When it has been determined by the service coordinator and/or the facility that a youth is eligible for release to aftercare, the service coordinator assigned to the case shall provide an aftercare plan and submit all required Division of Youth Services (DYS) paperwork to the service coordinator supervisor. The service coordinator shall notify the



parent(s)/guardian(s) and the community and the committing court; and

(B) Conditions of Aftercare Supervision. Transfer to aftercare supervision is a trial home placement. The rules of placement to which the child shall agree prior to this transfer shall be the principal conditions of this transfer and violation of these conditions may result in revocation of aftercare supervision. The rules established by the division are as follows:

1. I will obey all city, state, and federal laws;

2. I will report to the service coordinator as directed and immediately report any changes in residence, school, employment, or other status;

3. I will not leave the state of Missouri, or alter any conditions of my placement agreement without the advance permission of the service coordinator;

4. I will obey the rules and instructions of my parents, foster parents, or guardian. I will advise my service coordinator immediately if any problems arise in this area;

5. I understand that I am under the supervision of the DYS until discharged; and

6. Other special rules or conditions may be invoked to meet specific adjustment problems of the youth in the community.

(2) Interstate Placement. The same release procedure as intrastate placement is to be followed; however, arrangements are to be made and approved by the interstate compact unit.

(3) Transfer to other DYS Facilities (Refer to transfer procedures 13 CSR 110-2.050).

(4) Transfer to a non-DYS Facility (Refer to 13 CSR 110-2.030).

(5) Direct Discharge. Upon determining that the youth is no longer in need of supervision as recommended by the service coordinator and approved by the regional administrator, the youth shall be discharged directly from the facility without aftercare.

(6) Expiration of Commitment. All youths under DYS jurisdiction may be discharged upon reaching their eighteenth birthday.

(7) Notification of Termination of DYS Supervision. Missouri statutes provide that the division is required to immediately notify, in writing, the youth, their parent(s) or guardian(s), the victim's rights respondent, and the committing court of the termination of its supervision over the youth.

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**Original authority: 219.036, RSMo 1975, amended 1993 and 660.017, RSMo 1993, amended 1995.*

13 CSR 110-2.140 Confidentiality of Case Records

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to regulate the disclosure of information contained in records of the division relating to youths committed to the division.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this regulation, information contained in the records of the division relating to any youth committed to it shall be confidential.

(2) Authorized Disclosures.

(A) The parents or legal guardians of a youth committed to the division shall be entitled to full disclosure of all information and records pertaining to the youth, unless otherwise specifically restricted by law. Any youth who was formerly committed to the division may request a copy of his or her records upon reaching the age of eighteen (18) years. The division may require the request be made in writing and shall require proof of the requester's identity by either the presenting of a photo identification card or a notarized request before any such records are released. Fees for such copies may be levied in accordance with 13 CSR 5-1.030.

(B) Inquiries from the Social Security Administration. Information pertaining to a youth previously or currently committed to the division who has or may receive Social Security benefits may be disclosed in response to inquiries of the Social Security Administration (SSA) regarding establishment or maintenance of those benefits. Responses to inquiries of the SSA pursuant to this section shall not require a written authorization from the youth or, where applicable, the parent or legal guardian thereof, permitting the disclosure of confidential information to the SSA.

(C) Release of Information to Law Enforcement. Information pertaining to a youth may only be released to law enforcement pursuant to the provisions of section (4) below with the following exceptions: The Director of the Division of Youth Services (DYS), in his or her sole discretion, is authorized to release to appropriate law enforcement personnel information concerning a youth when the director determines that the information involves a matter of public safety to include, but not necessarily limited to: maintaining security in DYS facilities, protecting the safety of other youth within DYS facilities, the commission of

a crime, a credible threat to commit a criminal offense, or to assist in the location and return of a missing or runaway youth.

(D) Release of Information to Medical Service Providers. The Division of Youth Services shall have full authority to release information to individuals and entities who need the information to provide services to or on behalf of a youth in DYS custody, or a DYS staff member to include, but not be limited to: first responders, medical care providers, mental health care providers, dental care providers, and other persons providing medical or mental health care for a youth.

(E) Release of Information to Educational Institutions. The Division of Youth Services shall have full authority to release information to individuals and entities with a need for the information to provide educational services for a youth.

(F) Release of Information to Emergency Personnel in a Medical or Natural Disaster Emergency. The Division of Youth Services shall have full authority to release information to individuals and entities who have a need for the information in order to provide emergency care for the youth in the event of a medical or natural disaster.

(G) Judicial Proceedings. The division may release any record or information pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction as may be authorized by this regulation or otherwise specifically authorized by law, including any verbal order issued by a judge directing the release of the record or information during a court hearing.

(H) Regulatory Oversight. The division may release any record or information deemed necessary to complete an audit or other regulatory oversight inspection required by state or federal law.

(3) Information pertaining to any youth who was formerly committed to the division may be disclosed to those persons or agencies actively involved in providing care or treatment services to the former client or his/her family provided that a release of information has been signed by the former client's parent or guardian or the former client. Information pertaining to any youth currently committed to the division may be disclosed to those persons or agencies actively involved in providing care or treatment services to the client or his/her family at the discretion of the division.

(A) Inquiries from Elected Officials. Information pertaining to a youth previously or currently committed to the division may be disclosed in response to inquiries of elected officials of the state, or their staff members, submitted to the division on behalf of a



constituent residing within the jurisdiction said official represents with the consent of the subject youth, if over the age of eighteen (18) years, or the parent(s)/legal guardian of the subject youth if still a minor. Responses to inquiries of elected officials pursuant to this subsection shall not require a written authorization from the subject youth or his/her parent(s)/legal guardian permitting the disclosure of confidential information to the elected official, but division staff must receive at least a verbal consent to do so from the subject youth, if over the age of eighteen (18) years, or the parent(s)/legal guardian of the subject youth if still a minor, before divulging any case information. For any information obtained from the division under this subsection, elected officials shall be subject to the same disclosure restrictions and confidentiality requirements that apply to the division and shall be notified of such, verbally or in writing, by division staff prior to divulging any requested case information.

(B) Documentation Requirements. In the event division staff rely upon the verbal authorization of the subject youth, if over the age of eighteen (18) years, or the parent(s)/legal guardian of the subject youth, if still a minor, to divulge any case information to an elected official under the authority granted above in subsection (3)(A), and/or a verbal notification of the disclosure restrictions and confidentiality requirements incumbent upon receipt of case information required above in subsection (3)(A), division staff shall immediately memorialize such verbal communication(s) in the case file. Such memorialization shall be in the form of a memorandum for record setting forth the date and time of the communication, the name of the individual granting consent and/or receiving the notification, the information authorized to be disclosed and/or the contents of the notification disseminated, the purpose of the disclosure, and the printed name and signature of the staff member making the disclosure and/or notification, as applicable to the case at hand.

(4) Youth intake and furlough dates may be shared with law enforcement officials, including juvenile officers and prosecutors, upon request.

(5) Subject to the restrictions of applicable law, information contained in the records of the division may be released to any person engaged in *bona fide* research purpose, with the permission of the division director; provided, however, that no information identifying the youth shall be made available to the researcher, unless the division determines that the identifying information is essential to

the research or evaluation and the researcher provides the division adequate assurances that the confidentiality of said information shall be maintained. The division shall require the researcher to execute a confidentiality agreement, complete an Application to Conduct Research/Study form and the researcher shall complete and comply with the terms of the application.

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**Original authority: 219.061, RSMo 1975, amended 1994 and 660.017, RSMo 1993, amended 1995.*

13 CSR 110-2.150 Division of Youth Services Staff Training Programs

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to provide for the establishment of comprehensive training programs for staff of the division and of other agencies and organizations, public and private, engaged in activities relating to the prevention of delinquency and the provision for care and treatment to delinquent youth.

(1) The division will establish comprehensive training programs for its staff, employed or to be employed.

(2) The division will also be responsible for extending training opportunities to other public and private youth serving agencies, which are offering delinquency prevention and delinquency rehabilitative treatment services to youth within the state as funds for such training are made available. The division, in conjunction with these public and private agencies, will initiate and facilitate an assessment of training needs. After the assessment all needs will be prioritized, and appropriate training will be jointly planned and initiated by qualified Division of Youth Services (DYS) staff, qualified staff or agencies served and/or by purchase of services from other qualified training consultants.

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