

	WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF JUVENILE SERVICES	<u>POLICY NUMBER:</u> 700.00	<u>PAGES:</u> 2
<u>CHAPTER:</u> Aftercare Services	<u>REFERENCE AND RELATED STANDARDS:</u> WV Code Chapter §§ 49-5-16a and 49-5E-1 et seq.; ACA 2-7006; 2-7125		
<u>SUBJECT:</u> Establishing Aftercare and the Community Resource Department			
<u>DATE:</u> July 1, 2009			

POLICY

It is the policy of the Division of Juvenile Services to provide professional case management services to youth re-entering their communities through support in terms of education, employment, housing, health, relationships, and accessing resources.

CANCELLATION

This policy has been reviewed and supersedes Policy 700.00 dated July 1, 2008.

APPLICABILITY

This Policy applies to all Division of Juvenile Services' adjudicated programs.

PROCEDURES

1. The Mission of the Community Resource Department states:

The Community Resource Department is committed to collaborating with courts, families and community providers to meet the re-entry needs of adjudicated youth and their families, while providing case management to promote their successful return to society and by preserving safe communities.

2. The Philosophy of Community Resource Department states:

Case managers integrate the standards of practice, develop case management methods and merit measurement in a multidisciplinary approach that includes all members of the treatment team in the promotion of quality of life.

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3. Goals and Objectives of the Community Resource Department:

- a. Residents leaving DJS custody to have a successful transition to re-enter society and become a productive citizen through frequent and meaningful contact with youth, effective aftercare planning, implementation of appropriate goals and resources for youths reentering the community, and through support and assistance in providing contacts for education, employment, housing, mental and physical health, and positive relationships.
- b. To provide a safe community with the assistance of a developed constant partnership with professional contacts and collaboration with community based organizations, providing appropriate monitoring by building partnerships with key community stake holders, initiating contact with community-based organizations in order to aide in the youth's reentry, monitoring the youth's progress in attaining their aftercare goals, advocating for the best interest of the youth, linking the youth to the best and appropriate treatment, and documenting all progress.
- c. Assisting and enriching families by building rapport and conducting interviews with the youth's family thereby assisting them in providing the youth with effective counseling services or referrals and by helping to provide the family with input into the Resident's Unit Team while the youth is in custody.
- d. Gather data and statistics to track the programs success.

RIGHTS RESERVED

The Director reserves the right to modify, suspend or cancel any provision herein in part or entirety, without advance notice, unless prohibited by law.

APPROVED:

Dale Humphreys *July 1, 2009*
 Director Date