



**WEST VIRGINIA
DIVISION OF
JUVENILE SERVICES**

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Youth Reporting Services

REFERENCE AND RELATED STANDARDS:

**WV Code Chapter §49-5E-1 et seq.; ACA 3-JDTP-1A-01
thru 1A-08, 3D-01-1**

SUBJECT: **Establishing the Youth Reporting Centers and Mission**

DATE: **April 1, 2013**

POLICY

It is the policy of the Division of Juvenile Services to provide Youth Reporting Services to youthful offenders as an alternative to detention, corrections or other placement outside of the home and community. This Policy outlines the establishment and mission of the Youth Reporting Centers.

CANCELLATION

This policy has been reviewed and supersedes Policy 800.00 dated January 1, 2012.

APPLICABILITY

This Policy applies to ALL Division of Juvenile Services' youth reporting centers.

PROCEDURES

1. The Mission of the Youth Reporting Centers states:

The Division of Juvenile Services Youth Reporting Centers (YRC) are established to provide positive alternatives to detention, make available a wide variety of skill based mental, physical and social instruction, provide effective case management, expose at risk youth to instruction and reinforcement for proactive, acceptable social behaviors and protection of the community and the youth.

2. The Purpose of Youth Reporting Centers states:

Youth Reporting Centers will be a safe place where select youth will report while on probation or as part of a commitment and where the youth receives an increased intensity of services. The youth will continue to

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receive educational services, vocational training, treatment, and other service deliveries while remaining in his or her community.

3. The Vision of Youth Reporting Centers states:

We will set the benchmark for quality service delivery for statewide Youth Reporting Centers through effective and cutting edge programs which are responsive to the needs of the juvenile, judicial system and the community we serve.

4. The YRC program provides numerous benefits to youth, including:

- a. Diverts youth from secure detention as well as reintegrates those youth returning from placement
- b. Youth learn how to make better decisions and behave more appropriately
- c. Provides structure and guidance in a safe environment
- d. Keeps youth in school (in most cases)
- e. Provides meals
- f. Delivers programs to educate and guide youth
- g. Involves parents/guardians/custodians

5. In addition, parents and the community benefit, as follows:

- a. Youth are taught to become more productive citizens
- b. Resources are channeled into helping youth rather than supporting and/or build detention centers
- c. Youth provide needed community services
- d. Parents/guardians/custodians are involved in plans to help themselves and the children
- e. Youth are closely monitored to ensure community safety
- f. Youth have a chance to regain good standing in the community

6. The youth of the Reporting Center attains this mission by awareness and application of its program values.

- a. **Safety:** providing a physically, emotionally and psychologically safe environment.
- b. **Responsibility/Accountability:** the expectation that we will examine our actions while becoming more reliable and dependable.
- c. **Respect:** to honor ourselves as individuals while showing consideration of others in the community.
- d. **Honoring Diversity:** to create a climate where people from all cultures

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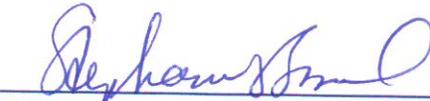
feel accepted, supported, understood, and respected.

- e. **Teamwork:** working together with peers, staff and the community to accomplish common goals.
 - f. **Creativity:** providing an environment that stimulates the imagination as we become aware of our own creativity and learn how to incorporate it in problem solving.
7. Discrimination is prohibited on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex, disability or political views in the provision of services, programs, and activities administered for the program beneficiaries and participants.
 8. Access is provided for staff and participants to an appropriately trained and qualified individual who is educated in the problems and challenges faced by participants with physical and/or mental impairments, programs designed to educate and assist disabled participants, and all legal requirements for the protection of juveniles with disabilities.
 9. All employees of all Youth Reporting Centers are required to abide by all policies, where applicable, of the Division of Juvenile Services. The use of the term "resident" in Division policies shall be interpreted to include participants of the Youth Reporting Centers.
 10. Each Youth Reporting Center will have in place an operational policy and procedural plan to ensure the standards and practices of this policy are followed.

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:



Director

4/1/13

Date