

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE-MAKING

In accordance with Rhode Island General Law (RIGL) 42-35 and 42-72-5, notice is hereby given that the Department of Children, Youth and Families proposes to amend the following Department rule:

Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles

This rule is amended to update the Department's Mission and Vision statements. In the amendment of this rule, consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.

This amended rule is accessible on the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>) or the R.I. Secretary of State's website (<http://www.sec.state.ri.us/ProposedRules/>). Interested persons may submit written comments by November 4, 2013 to Susan Bowler, Implementation Director for Policy and Programs, Department of Children, Youth and Families, 101 Friendship Street, Providence, RI 02903 (Susan.Bowler@dcyf.ri.gov).

In accordance with RIGL 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by 25 persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles

Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families

Policy: 100.0190

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Version: ~~32~~

Vision of the Department of Children, Youth and Families:

Healthy Children, Strong Families, Caring Communities

Mission of the Department of Children, Youth and Families:

Partner with families and communities to raise healthy children in a safe and caring environment.

~~It is the mission of DCYF to assist families with their primary responsibility to raise their children to become productive members of society.~~

~~We recognize our obligation to promote, safeguard and protect the overall well-being of culturally diverse children, youth and families and the communities in which they live through a partnership with families, communities and government.~~

Guiding Principles

~~To fulfill our mission, we believe that:~~

- ~~◆ the family, community and government share responsibility for the safety, protection and well-being of children.~~
- ~~◆ when the natural family is unable to care for a child/youth, it is our responsibility, in as timely a manner as possible, to ensure the child/youth is provided permanency in his/her life in a safe, stable and nurturing environment.~~
- ~~◆ staff, foster parents and service providers are partners in the provision of timely and appropriate high quality care.~~
- ~~◆ an integrated continuum of care should emphasize prevention over intervention, reflect a partnership between family, community and government and be culturally relevant.~~
- ~~◆ partnership requires open, honest and respectful communication fostering an awareness of the quality of services and clear and agreed upon authorities and responsibilities.~~
- ~~◆ staff at all levels should be held accountable to a professional code of conduct.~~
- ~~◆ as an invaluable resource, staff are entitled to a safe, supportive work environment that fosters professional development.~~
- ~~◆ quality improvement is an on-going process, utilizing external and internal performance standards.~~