

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:

Court Disposition

This rule is amended to reflect changes in utilization of court liaisons within the Juvenile Correctional Services Division of the Department. This policy also proceeds from the requirements of RI General Law, Federal Law, RI Supreme Court Decisions, the Federal Consent Decree in *Inmates of the RI Training School v. Janice DeFrances*, and /or federal regulation. 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 June 11, 2014 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 twenty-five (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.

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Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families
Division of Juvenile Correctional Services: RI Training School

Policy: 1200.0014

Effective Date: May 17, 2010

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The Division of Juvenile Corrections ensures an accurate flow of information and communication with state and federal courts in matters relating to the RI Training School.

Related Procedure

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Procedure from Policy 1200.0014: Court Disposition

- A. The Juvenile Correctional Services Court Liaisons Office of Court Services composes a Court schedule every two weeks that includes scheduled hearings, court location and the assigned unit of each resident scheduled for Court.
- B. The schedule is available to all staff.
- C. The supervisor ensures that appropriate staff are made aware of the scheduled hearings in order to prepare informational court letters.
- D. It may be necessary for unit staff to provide direct testimony at a court hearing or to cover a court hearing in the absence of the Court Services staff. These court appearances are approved by the Superintendent or designee.
- E. The Juvenile Correctional Services Court Liaisons Office of Court Services communicates and clarifies Division goals, objectives, procedures, recommendations and requests relative to programming for residents.
- F. After the Court hearing, the Court Disposition Form is completed and forwarded to all appropriate offices and individuals. The Court Disposition Form includes the date, the name of the resident, Family Court number, Clinical Social Worker, Unit Manager, name of judge, court location, parties present in Court, the next court date, end of sentence date and the Court disposition/orders.
- G. The Juvenile Correctional Services Court Liaisons Office of Court Services communicates judicial decisions, recommendations and orders to RITS staff to ensure reciprocal information exchange regarding residents.