

# Legal Establishment

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

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RI General Law (RIGL) 42-72-1 establishes within the executive branch of state government the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF). RIGL 42-72-5 establishes the Department as the principal agency of the state to mobilize the human, physical and financial resources available to plan, develop and evaluate a comprehensive and integrated statewide program of services designed to ensure the opportunity for children to reach their full potential. Further, the statute empowers the Director to establish those administrative and operational divisions of the Department determined to be in the best interest of fulfilling the purposes and duties of this chapter and to promulgate all rules and regulations necessary for the execution of Departmental powers pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act (RIGL 42-35). RIGL 42-72-17.2 requires that the Department maintain the Rhode Island Training School, which consists of a Youth Development Center, a Youth Assessment Center and a Female Correctional Treatment Facility.

The Division of Juvenile Corrections complies with state law and policy with respect to enumerated professions in hiring employees as well as in retaining vendors that provide services to residents of the Training School. The Training School medical clinic is approved by the Department of Health and the educational program is certified by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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### Procedure from Policy 1200.0000: Legal Establishment

- A. The Department of Children, Youth and Families is the governing authority for the Division of Juvenile Corrections.
- B. The Division of Juvenile Corrections maintains the Training School as required by statute to meet the rehabilitation and community safety needs of male and female youth placed by order of the Family Court.
  - 1. The Roosevelt Benton Youth Assessment Center provides services to male youth who are held awaiting disposition or for male youth newly adjudicated and sentenced.
  - 2. The Youth Development Center provides services to male youth who have been adjudicated and sentenced.
  - 3. The Female Correctional Treatment Unit provides services to female youth who are held awaiting disposition or who have been sentenced.
- C. The Superintendent and administrators of the Training School ensure that all employees and/or vendors providing services to residents are licensed and/or certified and/or qualified as required by the Department of Children, Youth and Families, the Department of Health and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- D. Paragraphs A and B are consistent with American Correctional Association (ACA) Standards 3-JDF-1A-01 and 3-JTS-1A-01; Paragraph C is consistent with ACA Standards 3-JDF-1A-02 and 3-JTS-1A-02.