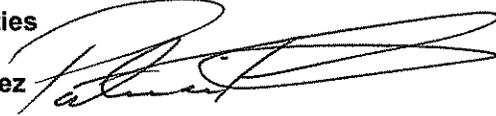


**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Patricia Martinez 
Director
Department of Children, Youth and Families

DATE: July 19, 2010

SUBJECT: DCYF Rules Effective August 16, 2010

The following new and amended DCYF rules are effective August 16, 2010. These new and amended rules comply with good child welfare, juvenile justice and fiscal practice and are consistent with the federal court order relating to RI Training School residents, the accreditation standards of the American Correctional Association for Juvenile Training Schools and Juvenile Detention Facilities and the accreditation standards of the Correctional Education Association. These rules were advertised for promulgation in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (Title 42, Chapter 35 of the Rhode Island General Laws) on June 4, 2010. These rules are accessible through the Secretary of State's Rules and Regulations Search Interface (<http://www.rules.state.ri.us/rules/>) and, for a limited period of time, on the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>) or available in hard copy upon request (401-528-3549).

BUDGET, PROCUREMENT, CONTRACT AND FISCAL OPERATIONS - This new rule, in compliance with procedures established by the RI Department of Administration, provides guidance to DCYF staff regarding budget and contract development, procurement of services and management of funds of Training School residents.

MEDIA INTERVIEWING OR PHOTOGRAPHING CHILDREN IN DCYF CARE - This new rule provides guidelines that DCYF staff utilize to secure permission for media interviewing or photographing of children in DCYF Care to ensure confidentiality of children, youth and families.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND RELATIONS - This new rule provides guidelines for DCYF staff to maintain open lines of communication with outside individuals and groups, respond to inquiries, ensure the confidentiality of children, youth and families and ensure the consistency and accuracy of information released to the media, legislators, other state agencies and the public.

TOURS OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL - This new rule outlines procedures for approval and conduct of Training School tours to protect the safety of residents, staff and visitors.

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - This new rule provides direction to DCYF employees in meeting annual statutory and accreditation training requirements.

USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE OR CORPORAL PUNISHMENT - This new rule provides guidance for staff regarding the use of force and prohibits corporal punishment of residents.

RHODE ISLAND TRAINING SCHOOL MANUAL - The amendments to this rule reflect changes in program and physical plant due to the opening of new facilities.

If you have questions or concerns relating to this distribution, please contact Susan Bowler, Administrator for Families and Children by phone (528-3685) or e-mail (susan.bowler@dcyf.ri.gov).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.