

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

TO: Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: DCYF Rules

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Department is adopting and amending DCYF rules. These rules comply with good child welfare, mental health and juvenile justice practice. The rules are accessible on the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>) and the Secretary of State's Rules and Regulations Database (<http://sos.ri.gov/rules/>).

Please address any questions about these rules to:

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Adopted

Search of a Resident of the RI Training School - This adopted rule provides direction to staff in conducting searches of residents of the RI Training School.

Amended

Use of Restraint at the RI Training School - This amended rule updates processes for utilizing mechanical restraints at the RI Training School in conformance with changes in RI General Law regarding pregnant and post partum residents.

Comprehensive Assessment and Service Planning – This amended rule and accompanying Staff Protocol provides for annual credit checks for youth 16 and older in out of home placement in conformance with federal requirements.

Legal Guardianship and Kinship Guardianship Assistance – This amended rule ensures that prospective legal guardian(s) receive the same information as do prospective adoptive parent(s) including the DCYF #054B, Legal Guardianship Disclosure of Information form.