

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:

Resident Orientation to the Education Program

Recognizing the substantial reduction in the population of the RI Training School, this rule is amended to require the RI Training School to ensure that an appropriate teacher is assigned to orient residents; in some cases this will be a special education teacher. 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*, federal regulation and the Annie E Casey Juvenile Detention Reform Standards. 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 9, 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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Resident Orientation to the Education Program

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

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Residents receive orientation sessions throughout various stages of confinement. Orientation introduces residents to the staff, services, procedures and processes related to education at the Rhode Island Training School.

Related Procedure

[Resident Orientation to the Education Program](#)

Related Policy

[Incentive System – Points and Levels](#)

Resident Orientation to the Education Program

Procedure from Policy 1200.1707: Resident Orientation to the Education Program

- A. Upon intake all residents receive an orientation regarding the services and programs available at the RITS, which includes an overview of the education program.
- B. An appropriate special education teacher is assigned to engage the newly detained resident in a discussion of opportunities and expectations for participation in the program. The teacher also addresses any concerns and/or questions that the resident may have regarding his/her educational program.
- C. Educational staff conducts orientation before the start of the school year and throughout the year. Staff provides residents with information that includes, but is not limited to, standards and criteria for behavior, procedures for being excused from the classroom, educational program options, transition, DCYF Policy 1200.1302, Incentive System – Points and Levels and testing and report cards.
- D. Paragraphs A - C are consistent with Correctional Education Association Standard 30 as well as American Correctional Association Standards 3-JDF-3C-01; 3-JDF-5A-02; 3-JTS-3C-01 and 3-JTS-5D-02.