

YOUTH SERVICES POLICY

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I. AUTHORITY:

Deputy Secretary of Youth Services as contained in La. R.S. 36:405. Deviation from this policy must be approved by the Deputy Secretary.

II. PURPOSE:

To establish the procedures for obtaining prior approval for youth in the custody of YS, OJJ traveling out-of state or in-state under the supervision of a provider.

III. APPLICABILITY:

Deputy Assistant Secretary - Community Based Services, Regional Managers, and employees of Community Based Services (CBS).

IV. DEFINITIONS:

Agency - Youth Services, Office of Juvenile Justice

Community Based Services (CBS) - formerly known as the Division of Youth Services, including the regional probation and parole field offices located throughout the state

Placing PPO/J - the assigned probation officer from the region where the placement originates

Placing Region/Region of Origin - the region from which a placement originates, usually the region where the youth's parent/guardian resides

PPO/J - includes CBS probation officers (Probation and Parole Officer 1,2 and 3/Juvenile)

Provider - an individual or organization providing services to the Office of Juvenile Justice, through a duly executed contractual agreement; the terms "facility" and "program" are also used to mean provider

Regional Managers - managers of the CBS offices located throughout the state

Supervising PPO/J - the probation officer assigned to make contacts with the youth and facility representative while in a non-secure facility

Supervising Region - the region where the non-secure facility is located

V. POLICY:

It is the Deputy Secretary's policy that CBS monitor the movement of youth in the custody of YS, OJJ by obtaining prior approval of planned overnight travel or out-of-state travel.

VI. PROCEDURES:

A. The provider administrator, or designee, shall provide written notification to the Regional Manager of the supervising region at least 30 days prior to the scheduled event.

The written notice shall include the following:

1. Date of the scheduled event;
 2. Destination and accommodations, including the address and telephone number;
 3. Transportation arrangements;
 4. Itinerary or activities planned during the trip;
 5. Name(s) of youth who will be traveling; and
 6. The staff, by name and position, providing supervision.
- B. Planned in-state overnight outings may be approved by the Regional Manager of the placing region.
- C. Planned out-of-state travel shall have prior authorization from the Deputy Assistant Secretary-CBS, or designee, and the court of jurisdiction.
1. If the youth is placed outside of the region of origin, the supervising region shall:
 - a. Notify the placing region of the proposed travel;
 - b. Complete the Interstate Compact Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return form in JETS and obtain the youth's signature on the forms. The signed forms shall be filed in Section 4 of the youths' case record;
 - c. Request authorization from the Deputy Assistant Secretary - CBS, or designee, for out-of-state travel after court approval and a recommendation from the Regional Manager is obtained; and
 - d. Notify the provider of the final decision.

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2. The placing region shall:
 - a. After notification from the supervising region, the PPO/J shall request approval from the court of jurisdiction;
 - b. When possible, obtain written approval from the youth's parent/guardian; and
 - c. Advise the supervising Region of the final decision.
 3. The Deputy Assistant Secretary-CBS, or designee, shall submit the approval or denial to the Regional Manager of the supervising region.
- D. Out-of-state travel for an individual youth in the custody of the Agency shall have prior written approval of the Deputy Assistant Secretary-CBS and the court of jurisdiction. The request is made by the assigned PPO/J a minimum of 30 days prior to the scheduled date of travel.
1. The PPO/J shall:
 - a. Obtain written approval from the youth's parent/guardian;
 - b. Complete the Interstate Compact Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return form in JETS and obtain the youth's signature. The signed forms shall be filled in Section 4 of the youth's file;
 - c. Request approval from the court of jurisdiction;
 - d. Request authorization from the Deputy Assistant Secretary - CBS, or designee, for out-of-state travel after obtaining court approval and a recommendation from the Regional Manager;
 - e. Notify the youth of the final decision.
- E. Out-of-State travel for non-custody youth requires parental consent only. The provider, however, shall notify the supervising region of the youth's name and date(s) of travel.

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Attachments/References: