

# YOUTH SERVICES POLICY

<b>Title:</b> "Green" Initiatives	<b>Type:</b> C. Field Operations <b>Sub Type:</b> 1. General <b>Number:</b> C.1.20
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<b>References:</b> ACA Standards 4-JCF-6A-09-1 (Performance-Based Standards for Juvenile Correctional Facilities), 2-7006-1 (Juvenile Probation and Aftercare Services), 2-CO-1A-06 (Administration of Correctional Agencies); YS Policy Nos. A.7.2 "Freon Recovery – Certification of Technicians and Recovery Equipment", A.7.3 "Facility Design/Space Management", C.6.1 "Food Services", C.2.15 "Control and Use of Flammable, Toxic, and Caustic Substances (FTCs)" and C.1.8 "Firearms Training, Use and Revocation"	
<b>STATUS: Approved</b>	
<b>Approved By:</b> Otha "Curtis" Nelson, Jr., Deputy Secretary	<b>Date of Approval:</b> 11/17/2023

**I. AUTHORITY:**

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

**II. PURPOSE:**

To ensure that YS examines and, where appropriate and feasible, implements strategies that promote environmental responsibility, efficiency and sustainability (also known as "green" initiatives).

**III. APPLICABILITY:**

Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Undersecretary, Chief of Operations, Probation and Parole Director - Juvenile, Youth Facilities Director - Statewide, Executive Management Advisor, Regional Administrators, Facility Directors and Regional Managers. Unit Heads are responsible for ensuring that all necessary procedures are in place to comply with this policy.

**IV. DEFINITIONS:**

**Green Initiatives** – Initiatives that are designed to conserve and/or preserve natural and economic resources. These include recycling, energy and water conservation, pollution and waste reduction, utilization of renewable energy alternatives, and overall efficient use of both natural and economic resources.

**Sustainability** – All practices/technologies that improve efficiency of natural resource use and reduce negative impacts on the environment.

**Unit Head** – Deputy Secretary, Probation and Parole Director - Juvenile, Youth Facilities Director - Statewide, Facility Directors and Regional Managers.

**V. POLICY:**

It is the Deputy Secretary's policy that YS makes every effort to be stewards of natural and economic resources, as well as contribute to the sustainability of our environment, through the incorporation of green initiatives throughout the agency.

**VI. PROCEDURES:**

- A. All Unit Heads shall routinely discuss green initiatives, soliciting ideas from employees and members of the community.
- B. Every effort shall be made to involve youth in green initiatives through education and training, and involvement in facility and community projects and activities that promote environmental efficiency and sustainability.
- C. At least annually, Unit Heads shall ensure that green initiatives are an agenda item discussed in staff meetings. This shall be represented in meeting agendas and minutes as outlined in YS Policy A.1.5 "Channels of Communication." Unit Heads shall outline all green initiatives that the unit is currently practicing and shall solicit ideas for additional efforts.
- D. Any new facility design or remodeling effort shall consider the latest in design and technology for energy and environmental efficiencies.
- E. Suggestions/recommendations for improvement that result from the aforementioned shall be forwarded to the Deputy Secretary for consideration.