

# YOUTH SERVICES POLICY

<b>Title:</b> Cooperation with Other Agencies	<b>Type:</b> D. Community Based Services <b>Sub Type:</b> 1. Administration and Management <b>Number:</b> D.1.5
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<b>References:</b> La. R.S. 15:836 and 46:1906.2 and ACA Standards 2-7016, 2-7017, 2-7079 (Juvenile Probation and Aftercare Services)	
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<b>Approved By:</b> Otha "Curtis" Nelson, Jr., Deputy Secretary	<b>Date of Approval:</b> 10/30/2023

**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 establish procedures for cooperation with other agencies that support furtherance of YS, Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) overall goals, objectives and mission.

**III. APPLICABILITY:**

Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Undersecretary, Chief of Operations, Executive Management Advisor, Regional Administrators, Facility Directors and Regional Managers.

**IV. DEFINITIONS:**

**Agency** - For purposes of this policy, Agency refers to Youth Services and the Office of Juvenile Justice.

**Community Based Services (CBS)** - Includes all regional probation and parole offices located throughout the state.

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**V. POLICY:**

It is the Deputy Secretary's policy for Community Based Services (CBS) to cooperate with all Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, as well as other youth servicing agencies in order to more effectively accomplish its mission at both the state and regional level.

**VI. PROCEDURES:**

- A. YS, OJJ shall participate in and serve on committees composed of representatives of state and local agencies, such as the Children's Cabinet and the Governor's Advisory Board of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP).
- B. YS, OJJ shall enter into Interagency Agreements with child serving agencies, such as the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to coordinate and develop more effective programs for youth.
- C. Regional Managers/designees shall participate in local planning boards, committees, etc., as appropriate, and shall maintain a working relationship with all other local agencies and courts involved in the juvenile justice system.
- D. YS, OJJ shall collaborate with other justice systems and human service agencies in information gathering, exchange and standardization in a manner that protects the confidentiality of youth (Refer to YS Policy No. A.5.1).

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**Attachments/References:**