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<p><b><u>CHAPTER:</u></b> Aftercare Services</p>	<p><b><u>REFERENCE AND RELATED STANDARDS:</u></b> WV Code §49-2-903</p>	
<p><b><u>SUBJECT:</u> Aftercare and the Community Resource Department</b></p>		
<p><b><u>DATE:</u> January 1, 2017</b></p>		

**PURPOSE**

The Division of Juvenile Services shall provide professional case management services to youth re-entering their communities through support in terms of education, employment, housing, health, relationships, and accessing resources.

**CANCELLATION**

This policy has been revised and supersedes Policy 700.00 dated July 1, 2009.

**APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to all Division of Juvenile Services' residential commitment programs.

**PROCEDURES**

1. The Mission of the Community Resource Department states:

The Community Resource Department is committed to collaborating with courts, families and community providers to meet the re-entry needs of adjudicated youth and their families, while providing case management to promote their successful return to society and by preserving safe communities.

2. The Philosophy of Community Resource Department states:

Case managers integrate the standards of practice, develop case management methods and merit measurement in a multidisciplinary approach that includes all members of the treatment team in the promotion of quality of life.

3. Goals and Objectives of the Community Resource Department include:

- a. Ensuring youths leaving DJS custody have a successful transition to re-enter society and become a productive citizen through frequent and meaningful contact with staff, effective aftercare planning, implementation of appropriate goals and resources for youths reentering the community, and through support and assistance in providing contacts for education, employment, housing, mental and physical health, and positive relationships.

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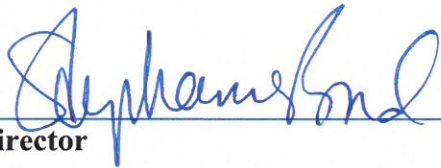
- b. To provide a safe community with the assistance of a well-developed constant partnership with professional contacts and collaboration with community based organizations,
- c. providing appropriate monitoring by building partnerships with key community stakeholders,
- d. initiating contact with community-based organizations in order to aid in the youth's reentry,
- e. monitoring the youth's progress in attaining their aftercare goals,
- f. advocating for the best interest of the youth,
- g. linking the youth to the best and appropriate treatment, and
- h. documenting all progress.
- i. Assisting and enriching families by building rapport and conducting interviews with the youth's family thereby assisting them in providing the youth with effective counseling services or referrals, in addition to providing input for families and facility staff.
- j. Gather data and statistics to track the programs success.

**RIGHTS RESERVED**

The Director reserves the right to modify, suspend or cancel any provision herein in part or entirety, without advance notice, unless prohibited by law.

**APPROVED:**

**Director**



**Date**

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