

CHAPTER 9

REHABILITATION OPPORTUNITIES

9-001 Applicability: The provisions of this rule shall apply to the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers and any other juvenile correctional institutions operated by the Department of Health and Human Services.

9-002 Departmental Policy: It is the Department's policy to provide psychological treatment, sociological development programs, rehabilitation opportunities, and educational or employment programs to those youths who are in need of such treatment or programs. The specific treatment and programming available to a youth will depend upon where the youth resides and the youth's custody classification.

9-003 Scope of Services: Youth committed to the Department who are assigned to a Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center at Geneva or Kearney shall have access to programs necessary to aid the youth in meeting goals set forth in an Institutional Treatment Plan and which support the youth's physical, emotional, and social development. Programming at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center shall emphasize academic education, vocational education, recreation and treatment. Counseling services shall also be made available to youth in need of such services. Because institutionalization has the potential of creating an unintended negative impact on some youth, it is imperative that programming have the variety and depth of services required to meet the needs of a wide range of youth problems. Such programming and services should also build upon the strengths of youth to enhance treatment and successful return home.

9-003.01 Academic Education, Vocational Education, and Mental Health Services. It is the Department's policy that opportunities for academic education, vocational education, mental health services, and substance abuse programming shall be made available to all youths in committed to the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers.

9-003.02 Work Programs. It is the Department's policy that work opportunities on and off-campus be made available to all youth committed to the Youth Rehabilitation and treatment Centers. The Department may require such youth to participate in work programs, upon penalty of disciplinary actions.

9-003.03 Recreation and Leisure Time. It is the Department's policy that opportunity for productive leisure-time activities and physical exercise be made available to all youth in the Department's juvenile correctional institutions.

9-003.04 Religious Practices. It is the Department's policy that all youth in its institutions have an opportunity to practice the religion of their choice. However, participation in congregated religious services may be limited to those youths who are not in disciplinary segregation.

9-003.05 Expression and Association. It is the Department's policy that youth shall retain their freedoms of expression and association except to the extent that the practice of such freedoms may interfere with safety, security, and good order of the institution or the goals of rehabilitation. Other rights of youths with respect to expression and association are outlined in the Department's rules regarding mail and visitation.

9-003.06 Health Maintenance. It is the Department's policy that all youths shall have the opportunity to receive health maintenance services and that no youth's physical condition shall be allowed to deteriorate due to inaction or indifference on the part of Department employees.

9-003.07 Youth Privacy. Youths are considered to be responsible for preserving their own privacy by wearing appropriate attire in individual rooms, dormitories, day areas, and other areas of the institutions.