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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the physical and emotional safety of all residents of the Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center when sexual misconduct has occurred between residents.

Policy

To ensure the safety and security of all residents in which a victim and perpetrator of sexually inappropriate behavior are both residing at Woodside, immediate action must be taken to keep all parties safe and secure. The policy ensures that every effort will be made to minimize disruption of the programming and services for both the victim and the perpetrator.

Staff Response

In any circumstance, the acting supervisors from both units must immediately make necessary steps to separate the victim from the perpetrator. The following people need to be steps taken:

- The Woodside Director
- The Woodside Clinical and Educational Director
- The Juvenile Justice Director
- The Client Placement Specialist
- The Social Workers for both parties
- The Residential Licensing Unit

Staff will request that the Client Placement Specialist explore other placement options for either party.

When the victim and perpetrator both reside in the Short-Term Program.

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A male perpetrator may be housed in the Treatment Wing. All program services, including education materials and assignments will be provided to the resident from the Short-Term Program staff on a daily basis.

A female perpetrator would continue to be housed in the Short-Term Program. Staff must take steps to minimize incidental contact with the victim by setting up procedures to insure victim physical and psychological safety.

When the victim and perpetrator both reside in the Treatment Program.

The director, clinical and educational director, and unit staff shall immediately utilize individual rooms which minimize the risk of any contact.

When the victim and perpetrator both reside in different programs within Woodside.

Staff from both programs shall insure that contact is minimized between the two parties by communicating and coordinating efforts around the daily activities.

When sexually inappropriate contact occurs at Woodside.

Staff shall insure separation of both parties by immediately implementing the procedures outlined above. Staff shall immediately report any and all instances of sexual contact, abuse and/or neglect to DCF Family Services Centralized Intake Unit during business hours and to Emergency Services Program after hours. Woodside will follow the recommendations of CIU or ESP regarding contact to other parties including the police. The staff will also immediately inform the Woodside Director and Juvenile Justice Director who will contact the Residential Licensing Unit.