Protocol for Gateway to Independence Admission

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Supplemental to DCS Policy: 11.3, Criteria for Assessment and Placement of Delinquent Youth in Youth Development Centers (YDCs) & 18.34, Referral and Placement of Youth in Youth Development Centers (YDCs)

Admission Criteria:

a) 17 years old or older

b) Meets one of the following Education requirements:
   - Obtained high school diploma, Hi-Set or GED; or
   - Have at least 16 high school credits (per transcript review); or
   - If a Hi-Set candidate, must have taken the official exam but need certain subsections to achieve the diploma.

c) Seeking a Post-Secondary education, Vocational education or Workforce entry

d) If a determine sentence youth; must be within 12 months of current release date

e) For Youth Currently in a YDC: Receive a file review (from last 6 months) and admission interview with Superintendent, Treatment Manager or designee(s) with the youth, demonstrating:
   - Non-assaultive behavior (assessed on a case by case basis)
   - No more than 3 serious incidents over the last 6 months
   - Compliance with IPP
   - No significant needs or concerns affecting behavior or participation in treatment
   - Positive gains over the last 6 months

f) For Youth Not Currently in a YDC:
   - Must meet criteria for placement in a YDC or submit a waiver, per DCS Policy 11.3, Criteria for Assessment and Placement of Delinquent Youth in YDC’s.
   - During an initial Child and Family Team Meeting (CFTM), invite a representative from Gateway to participate, gather and share information (in place of admission interview).
   - If the CFTM has been completed, participate in an admission interview.
   - The Classification CFTM makes the final determination of acceptance. If placement is not appropriate, but youth needs a YDC placement, Central Office is notified to forward a referral to another YDC.

g) For youth who meet the above criteria for admission, but have any of the identified charges listed below, will have a waiver submitted for approval by Central Office Population Management Committee. (Refer to Policy 11.3; Section B)

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f) Youth who do not meet the criteria listed above for placement into GTI must have Central Office Approval.