



Protocol for Gateway to Independence Admission

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 **determinate 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](#))

First Degree Murder	Rape
Solicitation to First Degree Murder	Aggravated Rape
Conspiracy to Commit Murder	Aggravated Sexual Battery
Second Degree Murder	Aggravated Arson
Kidnapping	Aggravated Child Abuse
Aggravated Kidnapping	Carjacking
Aggravated Robbery	Especially Aggravated Robbery
The attempt to commit one of the listed offenses	

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