

DOE Policy Directive-25.5

The Department of Children's Services Office of Juvenile Justice has developed updated practice and behavior management philosophies which guide service provision to youth adjudicated delinquent, including those placed in Youth Development Centers (YDC). After careful review and comparison of DOE policy, **25.5 Use of Confinement for Youth in Youth Development Centers** in relation to Council on Accreditation (COA) standards and new OJJ philosophies, the following practices shall be followed:

In accordance with COA standard BSM 5.06, DOE 25.5 Section A: 5.-8. Time limits of the use of confinement for control shall now be no longer than 30 minutes for youth aged 10-13, and no longer than one hour for youth aged 14 and older without reauthorization by an authorized individual. Reauthorizations must be made each time the maximum time frame has been exceeded (every 30 minutes to one hour depending on the age of the youth).

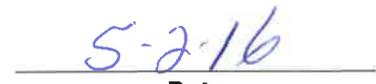
In accordance with COA standard BSM 5.06, DOE 25.5 Section B: Disciplinary Confinement shall no longer be practiced in DCS YDCs.

In accordance with COA standard BSM 5.02, DOE 25.5 Section F: 3. and 4. Youth shall now be continuously monitored face-to-face for the entire duration of the confinement, with assessment of well-being occurring at least once every 15-minutes and documented in the observation log.

For further guidance on the appropriate use of confinement, please refer to Policy 19.11 *Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion (currently under review)*.



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