

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE	Transmittal # 18-10	Policy #1.1
Applicability: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All DJJ Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services <input type="checkbox"/> Secure Facilities	Related Standards & References: OCGA §49-4A-1, §49-4A-3, §49-4A-7 ACA Standards: 4-JCF-6A-01,02, 4-JCF-6G-05, 4-JCF-6D-09, 3-JDF-1A-01,02,03, 3-JDF-1A-19 DJJ 1.4, 14.3, 14.6, 12.7	
Chapter 1: ADMINISTRATION	Effective Date: 6/11/18	
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None	Office of Legal Services	
	APPROVED:  <hr/> Avery D. Niles, Commissioner	

I. POLICY:

The Department of Juvenile Justice shall provide for the supervision, detention, and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders charged to the state’s care and custody. The Department shall work cooperatively with other state and private agencies and organizations to provide necessary services, operate prevention programs, and provide assistance to local public and private entities with prevention programs for youth at risk or under supervision of the Department.

Mission:

To protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding young offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of services and sanctions in appropriate settings, and by supporting youth in their communities to become productive and law-abiding citizens.

Vision:

Offer youth hope and change.

DJJ will lead the nation in preparing young people in its care to develop and sustain productive lives.

II. DEFINITIONS:

None

III. PROCEDURES:

A. DJJ will operate according to O.C.G.A. § 49-4A-1 *et seq.* and all other applicable state and federal laws, rules promulgated by the Board of Juvenile Justice, and agency policies and procedures.

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- B. Division heads will be responsible for fully implementing the policies and procedures of the Department, including the provision of staff training and enforcement of policies and procedures (see DJJ 1.4, Establishment and Maintenance of DJJ Policies). DJJ employees are responsible for complying with state and federal laws, administrative regulations, rules, and policies.
- C. The DJJ mission statement will be prominently displayed in all facilities, offices, and programs in a manner that is accessible to staff, youth, and visitors.
- D. DJJ staff members will be familiar with the mission statement and will be guided by it in the performance of their duties.
- E. The DJJ’s mission statement will be reviewed annually by the Executive Management Team and updated as necessary.
- F. Relationships with other agencies:
 - 1. Designated representatives will routinely participate in federal, state, and regional planning efforts with both juvenile justice and non-juvenile justice agencies.
 - 2. Facilities, programs, and offices will work cooperatively with the staff of probation agencies, shelter facilities, courts, local law enforcement agencies, and appropriate private agencies and organizations to assist in providing services for youth to the extent allowed by state and federal law.
 - 3. Facilities, programs, and offices may initiate and maintain collaboration with colleges and universities in programs of mutual concern, such as internship training programs. All internship programs will be structured in accordance with DJJ policy (see DJJ 14.3, Citizen and Volunteer Involvement, DJJ 14.6, Interns, and DJJ 12.7, Clinical Field Placements) as well as in coordination with the divisional office in which the internship relates (e.g. Behavioral Health Services, Education, and Medical).
 - 4. Memberships and participation in professional organizations/associations will be routinely encouraged and supported.

IV. LOCAL OPERATING PROCEDURES REQUIRED: NO