



DJJ Directive # 16-06

Subject: DJJ 12.21, Suicide Prevention

Effective Date: 11/09/2016

Approved: _____

Avery D. Niles, Commissioner

APPLICABILITY: Secured Facilities (RYDCs and YDCs)

DIRECTIVE:

This directive is to provide notice that behavioral health staff may determine that a youth be placed in a smock and blanket. If such determination is made, the Behavioral health staff may be expected to be present and observe its implementation.

DJJ 12.21, Suicide Prevention, Section III (K) 3 currently states:

Suicide protective garments will be used only when clinically indicated for prevention of self-harm following consultation and, preferably, evaluation by a QMHP.

This directive will be placed directly under the language in Section III (K) 3:

Effective immediately,

In all Facilities, when a behavioral health staff member makes a determination that a youth needs to be placed into a smock and a blanket, all other items must be removed from the youth's room. The behavioral Health Staff member who made the determination will remain in the vicinity of that youth until that order has been implemented, unless there is an emergency situation that needs their response.

The security staff will ensure that the smock and blanket and any other items belonging to the youth are removed. This is to be done quickly, considering other specific security issues, in order to allow the Behavioral Health staff to resume their other assigned duties as soon as possible.

INSTRUCTIONS: DJJ Policy Manual: Place this directive behind DJJ 12.21 and print policy.