# Kansas Administrative Regulations

## Department of Health and Environment

### Article 4.—Maternal and Child Health—Group Boarding Homes and Residential Centers for Children and Youth.

**28-4-274. Services.**

(a) Services shall be provided in accordance with the stated purpose and goals of the facility.

(b) Social services. Treatment and social service facilities shall have a specific plan for the provision of social services for each resident in care. These services shall be provided by a private or public social agency or through a licensed social worker on the facility staff.

(c) Discipline.

(1) Each resident shall be treated as a member of the group during the period of care, sharing privileges and duties of the household according to age and capacity, and receiving care and training according to special abilities and limitations.

(2) There shall be a written discipline policy outlining methods of guidance appropriate to the ages of the residents. Residents shall not be permitted to discipline other residents.

(3) Prohibited punishment. Punishment or a threat of punishment which is humiliating, frightening or physically harmful to the resident shall be prohibited. Prohibited methods of punishment include:

(A) Corporal punishment;

(B) verbal abuse or derogatory remarks about the child or the child's family;

(C) binding or tying to restrict movement, or enclosing in a confined space such as a closet, locked room, box, or similar cubicle;

(D) withholding or forcing foods; or

(E) isolation.

(4) Facilities with isolation policies approved by the department of social and rehabilitation services shall be exempt from K.A.R. 28-4-274(c)(3)(E).

(d) Education. Each resident shall be helped to secure the maximum amount of education of which they are capable and be provided the optimum conditions under which they can receive the greatest benefit from the school experience. Alternative formal schooling provided by the facility shall have received approval by the local school district or the Kansas state department of education.

(e) Religion. Each resident shall be allowed to participate in religious worship.

(f) Work experiences.

(1) Whenever possible, residents shall have an opportunity to earn and manage money by working either at the facility or in the community. They shall not be used as substitutes for regular staff.

(2) Vacation, after school, and other jobs shall be permitted with the administrator's approval.

(3) Hazardous work experiences shall not be allowed.

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