



Administrative Policies and Procedures: 18.17 DOE

Subject:	Programs of Behavior Management
Authority:	TCA 37-5-105, 37-5-106
Standards:	ACA: 2-9263, 2-9314, 2-9375
Application:	To All Department of Children's Services Youth Development Center Employees

Policy Statement:

Programs of behavior management that require a youth to address his/her delinquent behavior and all other target behaviors will be developed by Department of Children's Services facility programs.

Purpose:

To ensure individualized behavior management programs are developed for youth.

Procedures:

- A.** Youth Service Managers of Treatment shall have the responsibility for the formulation and implementation of individualized behavior management programs. Youth goals and objectives should be targeted and the most appropriate treatment option chosen. The Individual Program Plan (IPP) will identify the specific program of behavior management for each youth. Examples of other behavior management programs which would compliment the IPP are as follows:
1. Behavioral contracts;
 2. Point system;
 3. Behavioral consequences;
 4. Incentive programs;
 5. Level systems, positive behavior reports.
- B.** Programs of behavior management will be uniform across developmental areas and will primarily use rewards for acceptable behavior and only clearly justified sanctions for unacceptable behavior.
- C.** If the youth is mentally retarded, the behavior management program will be supervised and reviewed by a licensed psychologist.

D. Under no circumstances will stimulants, tranquilizers, or psychotropic drugs be administered to youth for the purpose of behavior management, control, or for the purpose of experimentation and research.

E. Behavior management programs shall be reviewed by the superintendent and revised as the needs of the youths change.

Forms:	<i>None</i>
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Collateral documents:	<i>None</i>
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