



Administrative Policies and Procedures: 27.7

Subject:	Sleeping Accommodations for Youth in Youth Development Centers
Authority:	TCA 37-5-105(3), 37-5-106
Standards:	ACA: 4-JCF-3A-05; DCS Practice Standards: 8-306
Application:	To All Department of Children's Services Youth Development Center Employees
Policy Statement:	
Youth Development Centers (YDC) shall provide all youth with adequate and appropriate sleeping accommodations.	
Purpose:	
To provide guidelines to ensure adequate sleeping accommodations are provided according to established procedures and standards.	
Procedures:	
A. Provisions for adequate and appropriate sleeping accommodations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each YDC will provide adequate and appropriate sleeping accommodations for youth. 2. Male and female youth housed in the same facility are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Segregated by gender; b) Placed in separate dormitories and sleeping rooms; and c) Not assigned to occupy the same sleeping rooms. 3. Sleeping areas and bathroom enclosures contain doors or other closures to promote privacy, unless there is clear, clinical written justification for their removal.
B. Emergency situations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Designated adult staff may be permitted to sleep at a YDC only in emergency situations (e.g., illness or severe emotional disturbance exhibited by a youth, etc.) and for safety and security issues. This decision will be at the discretion, approval and authorization of the YDC Superintendent. 2. The adult staff's sleeping area must be separate and apart from youth sleeping area.

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