

Children/Families In Need of Services 63C-1.001-.003

63C-1.001 Purpose and Scope.

The rule establishes the procedure by which children in need of services and their families may receive available services to preserve the unity and integrity of the family, while emphasizing parental responsibility, and along a continuum of increasing intensity and participation by the parent and child.

Specific Authority 20.316, 985.64, 985.601(7), 984.04(3) FS. Law Implemented 984.04(3), 985.601(7) FS. History—New 5-6-07.

63C-1.002 Nonjudicial Procedures for Families Needing Services.

(1) The department or its designated provider shall offer and refer services to families in need of services as available in the community. Where available, services may include, but are not limited to, crisis counseling, parent training, group and/or family counseling, community mental health services, referrals to other community services, access to short-term shelter for the youth, a case staffing committee meeting, and other services as set forth in Section 984.11, F.S.

(2) When a family seeks help or upon referral from a source outside the family, the following procedure shall govern:

(a) An intake counselor shall conduct a screening to determine if the family is eligible for services pursuant to Section 984.03(25), F.S. All available family members shall be interviewed as appropriate or relevant to the current needs of the child.

(b) If the family meets the definition of a “Family in need of services” pursuant to Section 984.03(25), F.S., referral for services shall be made for the family.

(c) If the family is not eligible for services, the family shall be notified and the family shall be referred to other community resources to assist the family.

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63C-1.003 Coordinating Children-In-Need-Of-Services and Families-In-Need-Of-Services Programs.

(1) The department shall coordinate its efforts with those of the Federal Government, state agencies, county and municipal government, private agencies and child advocacy groups to ensure service delivery to children and families in need of services in the following ways:

(a) The department shall establish an agreement and work in concert with the Department of Children and Family Services to claim federal Title IV-E maintenance funds for children served in shelters contracted to provide services to children and families in need of services. The department shall also comply with federal and state mandated monitoring of such funds.

(b) The department shall establish programs and services for children in need of services and families in need of services. The department may establish such programs and services by contracting with state and local providers to provide such services.

(c) Programs, whether established by the department or through a contracted provider, shall ensure that direct care staff meet the following minimum training requirements:

1. During their first year of employment, direct care staff must receive 80 hours of training, including a program orientation component, crisis intervention/safety, suicide prevention, CINS/FINS core training, Title IV-E procedures, and an in-service component.

2. Following the first year of employment, direct care staff must receive 24 hours of job-related training annually, which shall include refresher training on the use of available fire safety equipment, and training necessary to maintain current CPR and first aid certification.

(d) The department, with its provider or providers, shall be responsible for ensuring coordinated use of resources at the local, state and federal levels by providing support and oversight through technical assistance, training, interagency agreements, contract management, data collection and advocacy.

(e) The department shall work with the local juvenile justice boards and councils throughout Florida's judicial circuits to compile a list of available resources. These boards and councils shall coordinate local community resources.

(2) The department shall monitor programs for children in need of services and families in need of services under the process established in Rule Chapter 63L-1, F.A.C., and by the standards referenced therein.

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