

Reproductive Services and Sexual Health

995.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose is to establish and implement written policy and procedures for reproductive and sexual health services made available to youth in juvenile facilities. This policy applies to all juvenile facility staff.

995.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Board of State and Community Corrections Title 15 § 1416;
- Juvenile Facility Services Policy; Reporting Suspected Child Abuse;
- Health and Safety Code § 123450;
- Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 220, 221, 222, 209, 210 & 885.

995.3 POLICY

Each juvenile facility shall ensure that reproductive health services are available to youth in accordance with current public health guidelines. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, those prescribed by Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 220, 221 and 222 and Health and Safety Code (H&S) Section 123450.

995.4 SERVICES PROVIDED

Juvenile facilities shall provide the continuation of any contraceptive method a youth had established prior to admission into the facility.

Pregnancy testing shall be available. When a pregnancy is diagnosed, the full range of options for treatment that are available in the community shall be offered, including but not limited to: prenatal care, adoption and therapeutic abortion services, which may require parental consent/notification, pursuant to H&S Section 123450. On-site health care staff shall offer family planning to each female youth at least 60 days, when applicable, prior to their scheduled release date.

In addition to the specific services mentioned herein, juvenile facilities shall consider inclusion of educational programs addressing various related topics. These topics include, but are not limited to, nutritional issues, breast feeding, parenting, sexually transmitted diseases, and personal responsibility in reproduction. When possible, separate programs shall be conducted for male and female youth.

On-site health care staff shall be sensitive to the possibility of child abuse in cases of diagnosed pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases. Refer to Juvenile Facility Services Policy; Reporting Suspected Child Abuse.

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