

**POLICY**

At initial referral/commitment of a delinquent youth, the juvenile justice specialist (JJS) and his/her supervisor will make the decision on placement and treatment using the DHS-4789, Initial Service Plan (see RFF 4789) as guidelines. These choices must be made, however, within the security level indicated by the youth's score in the Classification Report section (DHS-4789, Section II).

**PURPOSE**

To provide services which address not only the needs of the youth in the out-of-home placement, but also the needs which must be met in the home in order to bring about reunification as quickly and safely as possible.

**AUTHORITY**

The Social Welfare Act, 1939 PA 280, as amended, MCL 400.115b(1).

**PROCEDURE**

Placement choices allow all living arrangements including but not limited to, own home, relative home, foster home, private child caring institution, Department of Human Services (DHS) operated institutions or independent living arrangements. Reasonable efforts must be made to provide the services needed to safely maintain the youth in a community based setting and avoid an out of home placement.

All delinquent wards accepted by the department must abide by specific conditions of placement that are set forth in policy. Special conditions may be set by the court of jurisdiction and applied to a specific placement or need of a ward. These conditions apply to the following placements:

- Own home.
- Relative's home.
- Foster home.
- Group home.
- Private institution/residential facility.
- Independent living.

**The (DHS-767)  
Conditions of  
Placement  
Agreement**

The DHS-767, Conditions of Placement Agreement (see RFF 767) is required for all Act 150 and court delinquent wards. The ward must have the conditions of placement explained to him/her at the time of placement and indicate understanding of same conditions by his/her signature on the form. The agreement must also be signed by the JJS. Signature of the ward's parents, and a representative of the placement residence (i.e., foster parents, residential care center director, camp director) are optional.

**Note:** At the time the DHS-767 is signed, the JJS must inform the ward of the potential consequences of escape, attempted escape, solicitation, and/or conspiracy to escape.

The following are conditions of placement that can be contained in the agreement:

- Obey the laws of the United States, state, county, and city where placement occurs.
- Obey the reasonable demands of the residence where placement occurs and/or as set forth by the JJS.
- Be involved in school, work, training, or any combination on a regular, consistent basis.
- Meet the special conditions set forth by the JJS.
- Obey the mandatory and special orders of the court.