

POLICY

It is the policy of the Michigan Department of Human Services Bureau of Juvenile Justice (BJJ) that each facility implements restorative reintegration practices to address the harm surrounding the need for behavior management practices.

PURPOSE

This policy promotes a respectful and safe environment through the restoration of equity.

DEFINITIONS

See JRG, JJ Residential Glossary.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Designated in the facility standard operating procedure.

PROCEDUR

Each facility is required to develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) implementing restorative reintegration. At a minimum, these SOPs contain the following requirements:

Guiding Principles

Acting out behavior is a cause of harm and may also be the result of harm to the acting out youth.

Harm includes any of the following:

- Physical injury.
- Lost sense of safety.
- Damaged relationships.
- Property damage.

As soon as practicable, staff and youths involved and affected by the acting out behavior engage in restorative activities to repair the harm.

**Reintegration
Plan**

Whenever a youth has been physically isolated or confined by staff from a treatment group due to acting out behavior, staff with youth prepare a written plan to reintegrate the youth back into the group setting.

The written plan includes:

- Restorative activities
- Timeframes for completion of restorative activities.
- Resources to implement the plan.
- Consequences for failure to complete the plan.

A summary of the restorative activities completed is included in the youth's next treatment plan.

AUTHORITY

Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.115a(1)(l).