



2029 RETURN OF COMMITTED YOUTH TO SYSC	
Chapter: Sununu Youth Services Center	Section: Admission and Orientation
 <p>New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families Policy Manual Policy Directive: 19-01 Effective Date: February 2019 Scheduled Review Date:</p>	<p>Approved:</p>  Joseph E. Ribsam, Jr., DCYF Director
	<p>Related Statute(s): RSA 621 and RSA 621-A Related Admin Rule(s): Related Federal Regulation(s):</p>

Everyone deserves to be safe; establishing a clear and consistent admissions procedure is essential to ensure basic safety and public health measures at SYSC. SYSC ensures each youth admitted is screened medically and behaviorally, given the requisite orientation information they need to transition into the SYSC, and that basic needs are met such as a meal, clothing, and emotional support.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the procedures for committed youth returning to the SYSC.

Definitions

"Abscond" means a committed delinquent who fails to report for parole supervision, who has departed their authorized residence without permission of the supervising JPPO, and whose whereabouts are unknown.

"Bridges" means the automated case management, information, tracking, and reimbursement system used by DCYF.

"DCYF" or the **"Division"** means the Department of Health and Human Services' Division for Children, Youth and Families.

"Escapee" means a youth who has made an unauthorized flight from the Sununu Youth Services Center or the Division's custody to which they have been committed by the court.

"SYSC" or the **"John H. Sununu Youth Services Center"** means the architecturally secure juvenile treatment facility administered by the Division for Children, Youth and Families for committed juveniles and detained youth, and for NH youth involved with the NH court system prior to their adjudication.

"YouthCenter" means the web-based automated information system used by DCYF staff to document and track information regarding youth committed or detained at the SYSC.

Policy

- I. Youth who are committed to SYSC may return to the facility under the following circumstances:
 - A. Return on time from a furlough;
 - B. Return from a recreational activity;

- C. Return from an off grounds school or work program;
 - D. Return following a failure to return from a furlough;
 - E. Return after being determined to be an escapee from SYSC, the SYSC campus, or an off-campus appointment;
 - F. Return by police pick-up after absconding from a residential treatment program to which the youth had been administratively furloughed;
 - G. Return following a violation of Conditions of Administrative Release to Parole; or
 - H. Return following a violation of Conditions of Parole.
- II. Return Procedure:
- A. Youth shall enter SYSC through the Admissions Unit;
 - B. The youth's status in YouthCenter shall be updated to reflect the youth's return to SYSC;
 - C. The Admissions staff shall follow the Admissions Procedures contained in Policy 2028 for processing returning youth;
 - D. No new YouthCenter or Bridges account shall be created; and
 - E. Youth who have returned to SYSC after an escape or abscond episode:
 - 1. Shall be admitted to the Crisis Services Unit for a 24-hour observation period or until cleared by a Clinical Coordinator, Medical staff, or an SYSC Administrator; or
 - 2. Shall be admitted to the Medical Infirmary until cleared by Medical Staff or an Administrator.