



1013 DETENTION PROGRAM MISSION	
Chapter: Sununu Youth Services Center	Section: Administration
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The Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC) is a legal entity established by [RSA 621](#) and its parent agency is the Office of Human Services' Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) within the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. In accordance with the DCYF Mission Statement, the Sununu Youth Services Center is established to provide secure residential care to youth that have been detained by the juvenile or family court.

Our Juvenile Detention Facility will promote public safety and provide a safe and secure environment for the detained youth in our care.

Purpose

This policy establishes the Juvenile Detention Facility Mission Statement of the Sununu Youth Service Center.

Policy

- I. The Division's Residential Services shall:
 - A. Provide for detained youth's basic needs, such as shelter, food, clothing, and medical care;
 - B. Prevent the loss or reduction of a youth's legal rights while detained at the SYSC;
 - C. Provide for physical, emotional, spiritual, educational, vocational, and social needs of youth detained at the SYSC;
 - D. House youth in a safe, humane environment, maintaining the level of security necessary to prevent escape and assure youth live free of fear of assault, or intimidation, by staff or other youth; and
 - E. Mandate zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment (115.311 (a)). The SYSC outlines the approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to such conduct in [Policy 2055 "Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment."](#)

- II. Development and Management: The Director of Operations-SYSC or designee shall develop and manage all phases of the SYSC within parameters established by law and the Division including the development of a mission plan for the SYSC's purpose, practice, current legal regulations and professional requirements in alignment with the Practice Model of the Division and the guiding principles that are important to the SYSC.

- III. The Detention Program Mission Statement is to promote public safety and provide a safe and secure environment for the detained youth in care.
 - A. Youth who are charged with delinquent offenses may be detained in the SYSC; and
 - B. Youth who meet the qualifications for a non-delinquent runaway or accused status offender under the [Interstate Compact for Juveniles](#) may be detained in the SYSC; but
 - C. Abused, dependent, neglected or youth charged with a CHINS offense will not be held in the SYSC.

- IV. The Detention Program values are as follows:
 - A. Safe and Secure Environment – SYSC will provide a safe and secure environment and will facilitate positive and transformative relationships between detained youth, families, and staff;
 - B. Diagnosis and Prescription – The unit staff shall assess the youth’s strengths and weaknesses through the use of a variety of screening techniques and information received from the juvenile court and JPPO;
 - C. Identify any difficulties experienced by youth in school and develop an educational plan designed to improve the youth’s academic performance;
 - D. Arrange for or perform any specialized medical and/or psychological testing deemed essential or court-ordered; and
 - E. Develop and periodically review a Personalized Safety Plan for the youth.

- V. The Education Program for detained youth shall:
 - A. Provide an educational experience that attempts to replace patterns of failure with a sense of achievement;
 - B. Provide educational services and encourage youth to continue their education;
 - C. Provide a careers class emphasizing the skills, knowledge, habits, and attitude required for employment;
 - D. Introduce community resources to youth; and
 - E. Include special education services.

- VI. The Recreation Program for detained youth shall:
 - A. Provide activities that improve youth self-concept through developing personal skills and aptitudes, and providing opportunities for achievement and success; and
 - B. Provide activities that expend energy and allow physical and psychological release for youth.

- VII. Annual Review: The mission statement for the Detention Program will be reviewed by the Director of Operations-SYSC or designee and updated at least annually to reflect best practices in secure

residential care for youth as determined by Performance-based Standards data, the annual Prison Rape Elimination Act review, changes due to case law, changes in federal law, and other influences in juvenile justice and child welfare that are integrated into the SYSC Practice Model.

- VIII. Annual Goals: The Director of Operations-SYSC, in cooperation with Residential Services' staff and the Division administration, shall develop annual goals and long-term planning.
 - A. This will be informed by data collected through the Annual Review twice a year; and
 - B. Communicated through a Facility Improvement Plan.