

2256 INTOXICATION AND WITHDRAWAL

Chapter: **Sununu Youth Services Center**

Section: **Healthcare**



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The detoxification of any SYSC resident from alcohol, opiates, stimulants, sedatives, hypnotic drugs, or other potentially harmful medication or illegal drugs shall be conducted at SYSC under proper medical supervision or under hospital care.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the intoxication and withdrawal procedure for the SYSC.

Procedure

- I. **Observation at Intake:** SYSC Admissions staff and nurses will be alert to any juvenile who has the odor of alcohol on his/her breath, who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or who admits to the daily use of alcohol or drugs.
- II. **Life-Threatening Intoxication:** Juveniles experiencing severe, life-threatening intoxication (overdose) shall be immediately transported by ambulance to the Elliot Hospital Emergency Room.
- III. **Check for Intoxication Withdrawal Symptoms:** Newly admitted residents shall be checked for symptoms of intoxication and withdrawal.
- IV. **Mild to Moderate Intoxication/Withdrawal Symptom Management:** Newly admitted residents experiencing mild to moderate symptoms of intoxication and/or withdrawal from alcohol and/or other drugs may be managed and monitored by the SYSC nursing staff, based on the assessment by the nurse.
 - A. Minor withdrawal symptoms can progress into major symptoms and shall be observed closely for the first 24 hours.
 - B. The physician on-call shall be contacted immediately if there is a question or a concern regarding the severity of symptoms.
 - C. In the event that a resident progresses from minor to major symptoms, the resident may be transported to the Elliot Hospital Emergency Room.