1950 ADVENTURE TRAINING

Chapter: Adolescent Services  Section: Fostering Independence

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Related Admin Rule(s): FORM 2110, FORM 2290, and FORM 2292
Related Federal Regulation(s): 
Bridges’ Screen(s) and Attachment(s):

Purpose
To define the purchased, grant funded service specification for Adventure Training.

Definitions

“Adventure Training” is an independent living service for youth, which provides challenging, recreational, experiential activities that enhance self-concept and positive behavior in a therapeutic and supportive group environment.

“Service Code” is LB.

“Service Population” means children between the ages of 16 and 19 who are in foster care.

“Service Unit” means one (1) hour.

Policy

Provider Qualifications/Requirements
I. Providers must possess a Bachelor's degree in education, recreation, psychology, or environmental studies and have a minimum of 2 years experience in outdoor adventure education.

II. Providers must supply all equipment and arrange for the use of recreational areas, and have liability insurance coverage.

III. Providers may offer a series of trainings over a number of days or a full day of training.

IV. Providers must write a brief report after each hour of service on the activities offered, the youth's level of participation, and any concerns. Reports are to be submitted to the Independent Living Coordinator within 10 days after service delivery.

Service Provision Guidelines
I. Prior to authorization, Adventure Training must first be sought through community resources, which will not charge DCYF. The community resources contacted must be documented in the youth's "Case Plan for Independent Living" (Form 2292).

II. The "Case Plan for Independent Living" (Form 2292) must list Adventure Training prior to service delivery. The "Needs Assessment for Independent Living" (Form 2290) must indicate the youth's need for Adventure Training.
III. Adventure Training includes structured and supervised, indoor and outdoor, initiatives and challenges which may involve:

A. Trust activities,

B. Non-competitive games,

C. Problem solving activities, and

D. Safety instruction and activities.

IV. Adventure Training focuses on building confidence, having fun, increasing communication skills, decision making skills, self-reliance, self-awareness, and empowerment.

V. Adventure Training provides youth the opportunity to recognize their own personal resources, to identify and use external resources, and to learn how to use the natural environment for personal growth.

**Payment Procedures**

I. Independent Living Program staff authorizes Adventure Training by enrolling the provider, completing the "Service Authorization" (Form 2110), and obtaining the Independent Living Program Specialist's signature on Form 2110.

**Practice Guidance**

What is the Service Rate for this Service?

- Refer to Item 2700 Rates (Fiscal Management Chapter, Rates Section) for current rate.