

Chapter: Rules for State-Operated Programs and Facilities Subchapter: Treatment Division: Program Planning Rule: Rehabilitation Program Overview ACA: N/A Statutes: N/A	Effective Date: 12/1/14 Page: 1 of 1 Replaces: GAP.380.8702, 9/16/12
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RULE

(a) **Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to identify the agency's philosophy and approach to the rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents in order to reduce future delinquent behavior and increase youth accountability.

(b) **Applicability.**

This rule applies to youth committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD).

(c) **Definitions.**

See [§380.8501](#) of this title for definitions of terms used in this rule.

(d) **General Provisions.**

- (1) Each TJJD-operated residential facility uses an integrated, system-wide rehabilitative program that offers a menu of therapeutic techniques, tools, and program components to help individual youth increase their ability to be productive citizens and to avoid re-offending.
 - (2) To the extent possible, TJJD's rehabilitative program offers programs in an adequate manner so that youth receive appropriate rehabilitation services recommended by the committing court.
 - (3) All aspects of the TJJD rehabilitation program are individualized and performance-based, with clearly defined expectations as set forth in [§380.8703](#) of this title.
 - (4) Each youth's individual progress is reviewed monthly. The review addresses identified risk and protective factors and individual abilities.
 - (5) Youth in residential facilities are reviewed and assessed by a multi-disciplinary team. Youth on parole in the community are reviewed and assessed by the assigned parole officer.
 - (6) As youth progress in the rehabilitation program, there are increased expectations for demonstrating developed skills and social responsibility, a decreased need for staff intervention, and an increase in earned privileges as set forth in [§380.9502](#) of this title.
 - (7) TJJD facilities maintain a structured, 16-hour day for all youth. During each day, youth work on components of the rehabilitation program.
 - (8) TJJD facilities provide for and youth are required to participate in a structured, individually appropriate educational program or equivalent, with appropriate supports.
 - (9) TJJD facilities provide and eligible youth may participate in work experiences.
 - (10) TJJD facilities provide and youth are required to participate in regular large-muscle exercise and recreation programs.
 - (11) TJJD facilities provide and youth are required to participate in skills development groups.
 - (12) Staff members receive appropriate training and certification related to their role in the rehabilitation program and the types of services they provide.
 - (13) TJJD may pilot new programs or program components for youth whose needs cannot be met by existing program components.
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