

Chapter: Rules for State-Operated Programs and Facilities Subchapter: Youth Rights and Remedies <b>Title: Visitation with Personal Clergy</b> ACA: 4-JCF-5F-02, 5F-04 Statutes: N/A	<b>Effective Date: 7/15/14</b> Page: 1 of 1 Replaces: GAP.380.9317, 9/25/00
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**RULE**

(a) **Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to provide youth with privileged access to their personal clergy.

(b) **Visitation.**

- (1) A personal clergy member is someone from a recognized faith group who has an established, professional relationship with a youth and/or the youth's family prior to the youth's admission to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD).
  - (2) TJJD approves the clergy member's registration to visit after his/her religious affiliation and relationship to the youth are verified.
  - (3) Youth may receive visits from their personal clergy member any day of the week after reasonable arrangements have been made.
  - (4) TJJD provides adequate space and supervision for the visit. TJJD ensures the space allows the youth to have confidential conversation with his/her personal clergy, but correctional staff maintain line-of-sight supervision.
  - (5) The personal clergy member is only allowed to visit the youth with whom he/she has an established professional relationship.
  - (6) A youth may decline a visit with a personal clergy member. The parent/guardian of a youth under age 18 may prohibit a visit between his/her child and a personal clergy member.
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