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RULE

(a) **Purpose.**

The purpose of this rule is to categorize programs in which TJJD youth may be placed. The categories are based on a youth's access to the general community while in that program. The level of restriction assists TJJD staff in placing youth in the least restrictive, most appropriate placement available.

(b) **Definitions.**

As used in this rule, the following terms have the following meanings.

- (1) **Self-contained**--a 24-hour supervision program in which the treatment, training, and education program is conducted on the premises. A self-contained program does not allow routine, unsupervised access to the community, unless otherwise stated.
- (2) **Routine, Unsupervised Access to the Community**--a privilege offered by some programs whereby a youth may be absent from the program without staff supervision for 48 hours or more per month prior to the youth's last month in the program.

(c) **Restriction Levels.**

- (1) **High Restriction**--a facility that does not allow routine, unsupervised access to the community and is typically secured by a perimeter fence. For example:
 - (A) TJJD institutions;
 - (B) self-contained, residential contract placements; and
 - (C) state hospitals.
 - (2) **Medium Restriction**--any residential program that may provide routine, unsupervised access to the community. For example:
 - (A) TJJD halfway houses; and
 - (B) residential contract programs that are not self-contained (e.g., certain substance abuse programs, residential treatment centers, group homes, or organizational foster care).
 - (3) **Minimum Restriction**--any residential program that does not provide on-site supervision and allows routine access to the community (e.g., independent living preparation in a structured apartment setting).
 - (4) **Home**--the home of the parent, other relative, or individual acting in the role of parent, managing conservator, or guardian, or an independent living arrangement.
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