

Chapter: Agency Supports and Controls	Effective Date: 7/1/24
Title: Transportation of Youth	Page: 1 of 1
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(a) **Purpose.**

This policy establishes a system for Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) staff to transport youth among assigned placements and settings using the TJJD Statewide Transportation Unit (the Transportation Unit).

(b) **General Provisions.**

- (1) The Transportation Unit and individual facility and parole staff may transport or coordinate the transportation of TJJD youth to and from TJJD facilities and community placements and settings.
 - (2) Requests for transportation must be approved by the sending chief local administrator or designee following completion of any due process required for youth movement.
 - (3) The Transportation Unit provides transportation among residential facilities operated by TJJD and between facilities operated by TJJD and contract care programs. The Transportation Unit also provides transportation for youth being returned to a TJJD facility from community-based detention, community placements and settings, or jail. Transportation assistance may be required from TJJD staff or contract care staff at times in order to meet the needs of facilities, community-based detention, community placements and settings, or jails.
 - (4) When youth are transported between residential facilities operated by TJJD, staff also transport the youth's case file, if available.
 - (5) County personnel are responsible for transporting all newly committed youth to the TJJD assessment unit and for providing all transportation necessary to meet requirements of a bench warrant. However, the Transportation Unit may provide courtesy transportation or may assist in coordinating transportation of newly committed youth and youth being moved via the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.
 - (6) Use or possession of chemical agents by TJJD staff is prohibited during transportation.
 - (7) Use of mechanical restraint during transportation must be in accordance with [GAP.380.9723](#).
 - (8) If transportation is not provided or coordinated by the Transportation Unit, the sending facility arranges and, if necessary, pays for transportation of a youth to a placement or home.
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