

DOE Policy 27.34 Directive

The Department of Children's Services Office of Juvenile Justice has developed updated practice and behavior management philosophies which guide service provision to youth adjudicated delinquent, including those placed in Youth Development Centers (YDC). After careful review and comparison to DOE policy 27.34 *Physical Intervention* in relation to American Correctional Association (ACA) standards and current OJJ philosophies, the following practices shall be followed:

In accordance with ACA standard 4-JCF-2A-29, DOE Policy Section A shall require the use of force be restricted to justifiable self-defense, protection of others, protection of property, and prevention of escapes, and only as a last resort.

In accordance with ACA standard 4-JCF-2A-29, DOE Policy Section B shall require staff have the skills necessary to de-escalate situations and to reduce the need for physical force.

In accordance with ACA standard 4-JCF-2A-29, a written report following use of force is submitted to administrative staff for review.



Deputy Commissioner, Office of Juvenile Justice

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