

DOE Policy 27.36 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 of the DOE policy 27.36 *Use of Chemical Agents (Mace)* in relation to American Correctional Association (ACA) standards and current OJJ philosophies, the following practice shall be followed:

In accordance with DOE 27.36, since the closure of Taft Youth Development Center, this directive clarifies that the use of chemical agents, mace or otherwise, is prohibited at all Youth Development Centers.



Deputy Commissioner, Office of Juvenile Justice

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