



# OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY



## Policy Statement

### Part III – Youth Services (Community)

*Subject:*

**Family Planning Services – Youth**

*Section – Policy Number:*

**D: Case Management – 3.6**

*Supersedes:*

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*Date of Last*

*Revision/Review:*

**None**

**Related Standards and References:**

- [ORS 435.200-235](#) (Family Planning and Birth Control)
- [OYA policy: 0-2.3](#) (Mandatory Reporting of Abuse)
- I-A-8.0 (Exercise and Delegation of Legal Custodian and Guardianship Authority)

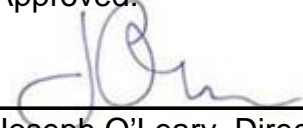
**Related Procedures:**

- None

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Approved:



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#### I. PURPOSE

This policy provides OYA staff direction regarding family planning services available to OYA youth who are on parole or probation.

#### II. POLICY DEFINITIONS

None.

#### III. POLICY

OYA has identified diversity, equity and inclusion as an agency priority and initiative, with a goal to build a respectful, diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment for youth and staff that is free from harassment, discrimination and bias. Data shows youth of color and LGBTQ+ youth are disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice system. While OYA is only one part of that system, we play a critical role in addressing the historical and systemic inequities it perpetuates. We recognize that youth from historically marginalized communities have limited access to proper health care. For this reason, it is imperative that staff provide youth with culturally relevant information on family planning resources.

Decisions involving family planning are personal and may involve the youth, the youth's parents/guardians, and the youth's physician.

OYA case management services include the assurance that information regarding family planning resources is available to requesting youth. Case

management practices also support the safety of pregnant youth, and their unborn child, who are at higher risk to be victims of domestic violence or abuse.

#### **IV. GENERAL STANDARDS**

- A. OYA staff must not interfere with or restrict the right of a consenting youth's access to safe and effective methods of contraception.
- B. OYA staff will provide requesting youth information on culturally relevant community resources related to family planning.
- C. OYA staff must refer a pregnant youth to a healthcare provider for information about available choices regarding family planning. OYA staff must not provide their personal opinion or advice to youth regarding family planning.
- D. If OYA staff have information about use or abuse of substances by a pregnant youth, a report must be made to the Department of Human Services by calling the child abuse reporting phone number 1-855-503-SAFE (7233).

Treatment services must be made available to chemically dependent pregnant youth in OYA custody.

- E. Staff must follow OYA policy 0-2.3 Mandatory Reporting of Abuse if they know or suspect a pregnant youth has been subjected to domestic violence or abuse.

#### **V. LOCAL OPERATING PROTOCOL REQUIRED: NO**