



**Youth Detention Facility  
OPERATIONS ORDER**

**RELIGIOUS PROGRAM – TITLE XV 1372**

**Purpose and Scope**

A fundamental aspect of religious freedom is the right to practice personal belief or non-belief in religious matters. All youth must have access to either religious services or counseling at least once a week.

No incentive shall be given to youth for attending, nor shall penalties be imposed for not attending religious services/counseling. Youth choosing not to attend religious services shall be allowed to participate in normal unit programming outside of their rooms.

**Affected Personnel**

Specified employees

**Authority**

Title XV 1372  
Administrative Directive

**Effective Date**

08/30/2012

**Guidelines**

- A. Religious services will be arranged on a weekly basis by the Chaplain.
  - 1. Services will be conducted in the Youth Detention Facility Gym.
  - 2. All youth are eligible to attend except those with S-1 security classification.
    - a. S-1 youth will be provided weekly religious counseling in the living unit, as arranged by the Chaplain.

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- b. The duty supervisor may limit the number attending services for security purposes.
- c. Youth who are on disciplinary status; either program restriction or room confinement status may not be eliminated from religious services. Each situation will be assessed as to the individual's threat to security and order and their ability to maintain behavioral control during services. The duty supervisor will approve any youth's exclusion from participation in religious services. The youth's exclusion and the reasons for exclusion will be noted in the youth's daily file.

B. Youth may have religious literature in their room.

- 1. Religious literature, which represents satanic, witchcraft or discusses blood or animal sacrifices are considered a danger to institutional control and/or security and is prohibited.

C. Religious counseling, individual or group, will be arranged by the Chaplain.

- 1. Youth who wish individual counseling may request to see the Chaplain.
  - a. Staff may not refuse access to the Chaplain.
- 2. Youth who wish counseling from their private clergy may request clearance through the Chaplain.
  - a. All requests by clergy for special visits and/or counseling must be authorized by the Chaplain and forwarded to the Duty Supervisor

D. Religious diets will be recognized as approved by the Chaplain.

- 1. Upon intake, each youth will be asked if a religious diet is required.
  - a. If information is added by a classification officer to the classification face sheet a "Chaplain Request for Religious Diet" will be forwarded to the Chaplain.
  - b. If a youth would like to request a religious diet at any time while in custody a "Chaplain Request for Religious Diet" should be filled out and forwarded to the Chaplain.
- 2. After approval, the medical clinic will add the youth's name to the Special Diet List and designate it religious diet.

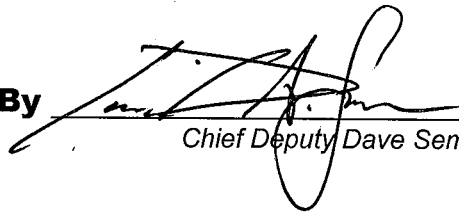
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3. Once a youth has been placed on a religious diet, they must fill out a "Chaplain Request for Religious Diet" to be removed.
  4. The duty supervisor will make an interim decision in the absence of the Chaplain. The request will still be referred to the Chaplain for review.
  5. At each subsequent booking, the youth will be asked if he requires a religious diet.
- E. Freedom of religion can never mean freedom to interfere with the peaceful rights of others, nor can it mean the freedom to disregard the rules and regulations of the institution.

### **Attachments**

### **Amends/Replaces Previous Order**

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Chief Deputy Dave Semon

**Date**

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# Request for Chaplain Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Residents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Housing Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Request to Speak with Chaplain       Request for Religious Diet

Request Removal from Religious Diet

Reason you would like to speak with the Chaplain:

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Please describe how you are feeling:

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