



SOUTH DAKOTA  DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE		POLICY NUMBER 1200-15	PAGE NUMBER 1 OF 2
		DISTRIBUTION: Public	
		SUBJECT: Adjudicated Delinquents and Children in Need of Supervision	
RELATED STANDARDS: ACA 5-ACI-5B-12 (M)		EFFECTIVE DATE: November 01, 2025	
		SUPERSESSION: 11/01/2024	
DESCRIPTION: Juvenile Services	REVIEW MONTH: October	 KELLIE WASKO SECRETARY OF CORRECTIONS	

I. POLICY

It is the policy of the South Dakota Department of Corrections' (DOC) Juvenile Services Division to adhere to the requirements of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA) of 2018. *Adjudicated delinquent children* and children in need of supervision *charged with offenses that would not be a crime if committed by an adult, will not be placed in an adult DOC facility* [ACA 5-ACI-5B-12 (M)].

II. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this policy to establish criteria for the consistent management of adjudicated youth.

III. DEFINITIONS

Child In Need of Supervision (CHINS):

Per SDCL § 26-8B-2, a child in need of supervision is a child:

1. Of compulsory school age who is habitually absent from school without legal excuse.
2. Who has run away from home or is otherwise beyond the control of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian.
3. Whose behavior or condition endangers the child's own welfare or the welfare of others.
4. Who has violated any federal or state law or regulation or local ordinance for which there is not a penalty of a criminal nature for an adult, other than a petty offense.
5. Who has violated § 32-23-21 or 35-9-2, or
6. Who engages in prostitution by offering to engage in sexual activity for a fee or other compensation.

Delinquent Child:

As defined by SDCL § 26-8C-2, a delinquent child is any child ten years of age or older who, regardless of where the violation occurred, has violated any federal, state, or local law or regulation for which there is a penalty of a criminal nature for an adult, except state or municipal hunting, fishing, boating, park, or traffic laws that are classified as misdemeanors, petty offenses, or any violation of § 32-23-21, 35-9-2, or subdivision 34-46-2(2).

IV. PROCEDURES

1. Overview:

- A. A child under the age of eighteen (18) years of age shall not be housed in any South Dakota Department of Corrections adult correctional facility. This includes adjudicated delinquents, children in need of supervision and others under the age of eighteen (18) who have been tried and sentenced in court as an adult.

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- B. For purposes of this policy, adult facilities operated by the South Dakota Department of Corrections include the South Dakota State Penitentiary, Sioux Falls Minimum Center, Jameson Prison, Mike Durfee State Prison, South Dakota Women's Prison, Pierre Minimum Center, Yankton Minimum Center, and Rapid City Minimum Center.
- C. No adjudicated child in need of supervision may be placed in a secure juvenile facility unless the youth has been found to be in violation of a valid court order or has a documented history of a delinquent offense(s) or is currently alleged to have committed a delinquent act.
- D. Adult offenders will be kept sight and sound separated from children under the age of eighteen (18) years when tried and sentenced to the Department of Corrections.
- E. The court may determine after a hearing, and in writing, that it is in the interest of justice to permit a juvenile, who has been charged as an adult, to be detained in a jail or lockup for adults or have sight or sound contact with adult inmates in a secure facility.

V. RESPONSIBILITY

The director of Juvenile Services is responsible for the review and maintenance as needed of this policy.

VI. AUTHORITY

SDCL § [26-8B-2](#) Child in need of supervision defined.

SDCL § [26-8B-3](#) Circumstances requiring release--Circumstances allowing detention--Length of detention.

SDCL § [26-8C-2](#) Delinquent child defined.

SDCL § [26-11-3.1](#) Request for transfer hearing by delinquent child charged with felony.

SDCL § [32-23-21](#) Driver under age of twenty-one operating vehicle after alcohol or drug consumption--
Misdemeanor--Suspension of license--Restricted driving privilege.

SDCL § [34-46-2\(2\)](#) Unlawful actions.

SDCL § [35-9-2](#) Purchase, possession, or consumption of beverage by person under twenty-one years prohibited--
Exception--Misrepresentation of age--Violation as misdemeanor.

VII. HISTORY

November 2025

November 2024

October 2023

October 2022

August 2021

October 2019

ATTACHMENTS

1. DOC Policy Implementation / Adjustments