Rules of  
Department of Social Services  
Division 110—Division of Youth Services  
Chapter 1—Organization and Description

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this regulation is to comply with section 536.023, RSMo (1986) which requires each agency to adopt as a rule a description of its operation and the methods where the public may obtain information or make submissions or requests.

(1) The Division of Youth Services is a division of the Department of Social Services.

(A) The division is responsible for the development and administration of an effective state-wide comprehensive program of youth services. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Providing for the reception, classification, care, activities, education and rehabilitation of all children committed to the division;
2. Administering the interstate compact on juveniles;
3. Collecting statistics and information relating to the nature, extent and causes of, and conditions contributing to, the delinquency of children;
4. Evaluating existence and effectiveness of delinquency prevention and rehabilitation programs;
5. Preparing a master plan for the development of a state-wide comprehensive system of delinquency prevention, control and rehabilitation services;
6. Providing from funds specifically appropriated by the legislature for this purpose, financial subsidies to local units of government for the development of community-based treatment services;
7. Developing written instructional, informational and standard-setting materials relating to state and local delinquency prevention, control and rehabilitation programs, as provided for in these rules;
8. Cooperating with and assisting other public and voluntary agencies and organizations in the development and coordination of such programs; and
9. Upon request, assist local units of government in the development of community-based treatment services and provide technical assistance and consultation to law enforcement officials, juvenile courts and other community child care agencies.