

SECTION 800 – Facilities and Transportation

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE - EXHIBIT: CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY
ENHANCEMENT ACT: DEFINITIONS**

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EXHIBIT

The Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act RSA (2000) Amended Section 1 (2), states that "... a child is in need of intervention if there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that the survival, security or development of the child is endangered because of any of the following:

1. the child has been abandoned or lost;
 2. the guardian of the child is dead and the child has no other guardian;
 3. the child is neglected by the guardian;
 4. the child has been or there is substantial risk that the child will be physically injured or sexually abused by the guardian of the child;
 5. the guardian of the child is unable or unwilling to protect the child from emotional injury;
 6. the guardian of the child has subjected the child or is unable or unwilling to protect the child from cruel and unusual treatment or punishment.
2. For the purposes of subsection (2) (c), a child is neglected if the guardian:
- 2.1. is unable or unwilling to provide the child with the necessities of life;
 - 2.2. is unable or unwilling to obtain for the child, or to permit the child to receive, essential medical, surgical or other remedial treatment that is necessary for the health or well-being of the child; or
 - 2.3. is unable or unwilling to provide the child with adequate care or supervision.
3. Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act RSA (2000) Section 1 (3) states:
- 3.1. "a child is emotionally injured
 - 3.1.1. if there is impairment of the child's mental or emotional functioning or development, and
 - 3.1.2. if there are reasonable and probable grounds to believe that the emotional injury is the result of:

- 3.1.2.1. rejection;
 - 3.1.2.2. emotional, social, cognitive or physiological neglect;
 - 3.1.2.3. deprivation of affection or cognitive stimulation;
 - 3.1.2.4. exposure to domestic violence or severe domestic disharmony;
 - 3.1.2.5. inappropriate criticism, threats, humiliation, accusations or expectations of or towards the child;
 - 3.1.2.6. the mental or emotional condition of the guardian of the child or of anyone living in the same residence as the child;
 - 3.1.2.7. chronic alcohol or drug abuse by the guardian or by anyone living in the same residence as the child.
- 3.2. a child is physically injured if there is substantial and observable injury to any part of the child's body as a result of non-accidental application of force or an agent to the child's body that is evidenced by a laceration, a contusion, an abrasion, a scar, a fracture or other body injury, a dislocation, a sprain, haemorrhaging, the rupture of viscus, a burn, a scald, frostbite, the loss or alteration of consciousness or physiological functioning or the loss of hair or teeth;
- 3.3. a child is sexually abused if the child is inappropriately exposed or subjected to sexual contact, activity or behaviour including prostitution related activities."

REFERENCES

Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act

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