

5-08-060 Developmentally Disabled Inmates

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for the identification and evaluation of all Developmentally Disabled inmates.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order shall apply to all personnel assigned to and/or working in any capacity at Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

ORDER:

“Developmentally disabled” means those persons who have a disability which originates before an individual attains age 18, continues, or can be expected to continue indefinitely, and constitutes a substantial disability for that individual. This term includes mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and autism, as well as disabling conditions found to be closely related to mental retardation or to require treatment similar to that required for mentally retarded individuals. Generally, developmentally disabled inmates are identified by medical staff during the medical screening and booking process. Regardless of the cause, inmates who have, or are suspected of having developmental disabilities, shall be segregated from other inmates until an appropriate evaluation is completed by medical personnel.

Custody personnel shall immediately notify medical personnel of any inmate suspected of being developmentally disabled. Custody personnel shall log the name of the developmentally disabled inmate and the name and employee number of the medical personnel notified in the electronic Uniform Daily Activity Log (e-UDAL). The inmate shall remain segregated from all other inmates until further direction is given by medical personnel. Upon determination by medical staff, the developmentally disabled inmate shall be transferred to the appropriate housing area.

The health authority or designee shall contact the Regional Center on any inmate suspected or confirmed to be developmentally disabled for the purposes of diagnosis and/or treatment within 24 hours of such determination, excluding holidays and weekends.

Transfers for developmentally disabled inmates shall be handled through the Population Management Bureau (PMB) e-mail group. The following information shall be included when requesting a transfer: inmate's name, booking number, reason for transfer, name of the person requesting transfer, and name of the medical staff contacted. Custody personnel assigned to the developmentally disabled module shall be responsible for issuing the inmate a brown jail uniform and green wristband upon notification to PMB.

Developmentally disabled inmates shall comply with the same rules and regulations required of all general population inmates. Inmates found guilty of jail rule violations during Disciplinary Review Board (DRB) proceedings, are subject to loss of privileges and disciplinary confinement. Violators may be confined in their regularly assigned cells or transferred to the discipline module.