What is a Community Placement?

Community Placement is for youth ordered into the custody of Juvenile Justice Services (JJS) and are usually private residential settings outside of the home. Youth are sometimes able to remain in their home with family support.

Your Responsibilities

You must keep a current address and notify us of any changes in your family situation. You are also required to:

- Provide your child with clothing, personal belongings and medical needs not covered by Medicaid.
- Complete and return the Medicaid application packet.
- Make contact with the Office of Recovery Services (ORS) because they govern child support. You can visit their website at www.ors.utah.gov, or call them at 801-536-8500.

Your Child Was Ordered to JJS Custody in a Community Placement

What’s Next?

When a judge orders your child to a community placement, they might go to one of the following:

- Home with family support
- Day Skills
- Proctor care (in a family home)
- Residential setting

Your child will have a case manager who will meet with them in detention and give them their first assessment. The case manager will contact you to set up a Child and Family Team Meeting to discuss your child’s plan. This is called the intake process. Your child will then be sent to their new placement. At this meeting you will be informed about visiting hours along with other important information.

Visiting

Parents, legal guardians, attorneys, clergy and other professionals may also visit your child. All other visitors must be approved by the individual facility. It is your duty to work with your child’s case manager to have visits approved. Please know that your child will be well cared for and you will be able to see them.

More Information

A parent packet and information about visiting times, school details and family activities is available online at jjs.utah.gov/parents. If you do not have access to the internet, we can give you a printed copy.
Programs Offered:

Your child will go to school and receive treatment opportunities that promote general well-being.

Family Involvement

We want you to be involved with your child and their treatment. We encourage you to be part of Child and Family Team Meetings and family therapy. We would also like you to visit your child often.

Education

Your child will attend school on weekdays provided by the local school district.

Treatment

Your child and your family will receive therapy to address your individual needs.

Court Obligations

Your child will be able to work off fines and community service hours.

Medical/Dental/Vision

Your child will receive check ups. Your child may also be assessed for medication management.

Parents’ Bill of Rights

The Parents’ Bill of Rights is our promise to take care of your child. It is also an invitation for you to be involved in your child’s treatment to ensure that the time they are with us is meaningful. You can access the Bill of Rights on our website at jjs.utah.gov/parents.