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POLICY:

I. Incarcerated female offenders, who meet eligibility requirements, may keep their infants with them during their incarceration to establish a healthy mother/child attachment, promote positive parenting skills, and provide transition services back to the community.

DIRECTIVE:

I. Residential Parenting Program

A. If this program is available at the facility, the Superintendent is responsible for implementing procedures that include:

   1. Security,
   2. Programming expectations,
   3. Child care, and
   4. Other rules and expectations identified by the Superintendents.

B. Where children are allowed to remain with their mothers, provisions are made for a nursery where the children are placed when they are not in the care of their mothers. The Superintendent will establish processes to ensure:

   1. The nursery is staffed by qualified Early Head Start staff.
   2. In-unit care by qualified offenders who:

      a) Have been trained in the skills required for nursery care, and
      b) Are working under appropriate supervision.

DEFINITIONS:

Words/terms appearing in this policy may be defined in the glossary section of the Policy Manual.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

DOC FORMS:

None