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 Added I.B.1.-3. vaccines that are required for participation

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REFERENCES:


DOC 100.100 is hereby incorporated in this policy; [RCW 28A.400.322](#); [RCW 43.216](#); [WAC 110-300](#); DOC 420.310 Searches of Incarcerated Individuals; DOC 420.340 Searching and Detaining Facility Visitors; DOC 450.120 Packages for Offenders; DOC 490.100 Incarcerated Volunteers

POLICY:

- I. The Department has established procedures in partnership with local agencies and providers, including the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) Early Head Start (EHS), to allow eligible pregnant individuals at Washington Corrections Center for Women (WCCW) to establish a healthy mother/child attachment, promote positive parenting skills, and provide services for transition to the community.

DIRECTIVE:


- I. Eligibility
 - A. Individuals must meet the following criteria to participate in the Residential Parenting Program (RPP):
 1. Pregnant before arriving at a Department facility and expecting to give birth while housed at WCCW.
 2. Assigned Minimum (MI)2 or MI1 custody level.
 3. The Earned Release Date is before the anticipated date when the child would be 30 months old.
 4. Approved by Child Protective Services (CPS).
 5. Does not have any of the following:
 - a. Current no contact order with minor children
 - b. Conviction for a crime against children per RCW 28A.400.322
 - c. Conviction for a sex offense(s) and/or sexual motivation behavior
 - B. RPP mothers, incarcerated caregivers, and children must have the following vaccinations as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
 1. Annual influenza appropriate for the upcoming influenza season
 2. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)

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- a. Adults must have an MMR vaccine if there is no evidence of immunity as defined by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), unless there is a medical contraindication.
3. Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap)
 - a. Adults must have had the vaccine at least once as an adult.
- C. Individuals with restrictions/limitations documented on a current Health Status Report and/or DOC 13-508 Accommodation Status Report may be restricted from participation.

II. Application Process

- A. Applications for individuals under federal jurisdiction will be pre-screened by the Federal Bureau of Prisons before being reviewed for eligibility.
- B. Individuals will submit the following to the RPP Correctional Unit Supervisor (CUS)/designee:
 1. DOC 13-035 Authorization for Disclosure of Health Information
 2. DOC 20-332 Residential Parenting Program Participant Application
 3. DOC 20-336 Residential Parenting Program Emergency Caregiver Application
- C. The RPP CUS/designee will:
 1. Screen emergency caregivers using DOC 05-370 Request for Criminal History Record Information WASIS/NCIC III Check NCIC/WACIC Check and contact CPS for approval.
 - a. If an emergency caregiver is not available, CPS will be the designated contact for emergency placement of the child.
 2. Complete DOC 20-333 Residential Parenting Program Case Plan for review by a multidisciplinary Facility Risk Management Teams (FRMT).
 - a. The multidisciplinary FRMT will be chaired by the Correctional Program Manager (CPM)/designee and include participating team members from EHS and medical/mental health.
- D. The Superintendent will provide final approval for participation in the RPP.
 1. Approved individuals will be required to attend parenting classes and parent-child activities provided by the Department and EHS.


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III. Childbirth

- A. Employees will be assigned to conduct a hospital watch for individuals being transported to a hospital for labor and childbirth.
 - 1. The RPP CUS/case manager will notify the Federal Bureau of Prisons if an individual in labor under federal jurisdiction has been admitted to a hospital.
 - a. Notification will be made by the Shift Commander after business hours.
 - 2. In addition to approved visitors, individuals may have a volunteer doula present during labor and up to 2 hours after childbirth.

IV. Childcare

- A. RPP mothers will be the primary caregivers and responsible for the health/safety of their child(ren).
- B. Children may be cared for by qualified incarcerated caregivers or EHS contract staff when they are not in the care of their mothers.
 - 1. Incarcerated caregivers will be considered volunteers per DOC 490.100 Incarcerated Volunteers and must meet the following additional RPP criteria:
 - a. Does not have any of the following:
 - 1) Conviction for a violent or serious violent offense. Accomplices may be considered on a case-by-case basis
 - 2) Conviction for assault or domestic violence
 - 3) History of committing arson
 - 4) PULHESDXTR "S3" code or above
 - b. Complete training in the skills required for nursery care before providing care.
- C. A Child Development Center may be provided for children in the RPP. The number of children who can be cared for is limited by licensing requirements per WAC 110-300.

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D. Concerns regarding the health/safety of a child(ren) will be reported to the Shift Lieutenant and/or RPP CUS for approval to contact CPS. Concerns will be documented and investigated as appropriate.

1. A telephone will be available in the RPP unit 24 hours a day to contact the local hospital for emergency medical evaluations and recommendations.

V. Packages for Children

A. Packages for children in the RPP must be arranged through the case manager and comply with weight requirements per DOC 450.120 Packages for Offenders.

B. In addition to monthly and holiday packages for the mother, the child may receive:

1. One package within 30 days before/after childbirth
2. One package each quarter (i.e., January-March, April-June, July-September, and October-December)
3. One holiday package between October 15 and December 31
4. One birthday package during the child's birthday month

VI. Searches


A. Searches will be conducted per DOC 420.310 Searches of Incarcerated Individuals and DOC 420.340 Searching and Detaining Facility Visitors.

1. Mothers will not be searched in the presence of their child(ren). Arrangements will be made for an incarcerated caregiver to care for the child(ren) during the search.

VII. Community Visits

A. Child(ren) may be picked up from the facility by a friend/family member 6 weeks after childbirth as approved on DOC 20-329 Residential Parenting Program Community Visit Authorization.

1. The person picking up the child(ren) must be approved by CPS and the RPP CUS.
2. The RPP CUS/case manager will determine the duration and frequency of visits.

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B. RPP employees will inventory the child's property when leaving and entering the facility using DOC 20-335 Residential Parenting Program Child Property Release.

1. Upon return to the facility, the child and any property will be searched.
2. Items not documented on the property record, including open containers (e.g., beverages/food), will not be allowed into the facility.

VIII. Termination

A. Termination from the RPP may be recommended if:

1. The individual:
 - a. Violates any of the RPP guidelines
 - b. Provided false information during the screening process
 - c. Commits a serious violation
 - d. Is demoted from MI2/MI1 custody
 - e. Is incapable of caring for the child(ren)
 - f. Is not in compliance with the current case plan
 - g. Requests to be removed from the program
2. DCYF/CPS recommends termination, and/or
3. Participation presents a serious/imminent danger to the health/safety of the child(ren).


B. If participation is terminated, the emergency caregiver will be contacted to take custody of the child(ren).

1. The child(ren) will be cared for by an incarcerated caregiver until the emergency caregiver arrives.
2. If the emergency caregiver is unable/refuses to take custody of the child(ren), CPS will be contacted to determine placement.

DEFINITIONS:

The following words/terms are important to this policy and defined in the glossary section of the Policy Manual: Doula. Other words/terms appearing in this policy may also be defined in the glossary.

ATTACHMENTS:

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None

DOC FORMS:

- DOC 05-370 Request for Criminal History Record Information WASIS/NCIC III Check
- NCIC/WACIC Check
- DOC 13-035 Authorization for Disclosure of Health Information
- DOC 13-508 Accommodation Status Report
- DOC 20-329 Residential Parenting Program Community Visit Authorization
- DOC 20-332 Residential Parenting Program Participant Application
- DOC 20-333 Residential Parenting Program Case Plan
- DOC 20-335 Residential Parenting Program Child Property Release
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