

441—106.6(237C) Providing for basic needs.

106.6(1) A children's residential facility shall provide the following for children in its care:

- a. Adequate shelter.
- b. Nourishing food and water.
- c. Opportunities for adequate sleep, exercise, cleanliness, and health maintenance.

106.6(2) A children's residential facility shares responsibility for meeting these basic needs with the children's parents, guardians, or other primary caretakers.

106.6(3) A children's residential facility shall have written policies related to:

- a. Children's communication with their parents or guardians.
- b. Children's ability to receive visitors who have been approved by their parents or guardians.
- c. Confidentiality and reasonable privacy for children. The children's residential facility shall afford children and their families privacy and confidentiality unless doing so would jeopardize a child's health or safety.
- d. Children's ability to keep personal belongings such as clothing, pictures, and other items.
- e. Children's ability to participate in normal community activities.

106.6(4) A children's residential facility shall not impose rules and restrictions that prevent communication with parents, guardians, other family members, or others.

106.6(5) A children's residential facility shall share its written policies related to communication, visitors, personal belongings, and participation in community activities with a child's parents or guardians before a child is admitted to the children's residential facility.

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