

441—106.9(237C) Discipline.

106.9(1) Generally. The facility shall have written policies, which shall be available to all staff and to the child's family, regarding methods used for control and discipline of children. Agency staff shall be in control of and responsible for discipline at all times. Discipline shall not include the withholding of basic necessities such as food, clothing, or sleep.

106.9(2) Corporal punishment is prohibited. The facility shall have a policy that clearly prohibits staff or the children from utilizing corporal punishment as a method of disciplining or correcting children. This policy is to be communicated in writing to all staff of the facility.

106.9(3) The administration of discipline by a child to another child is prohibited.

106.9(4) Behavior expectations. The facility shall make available to the child and the child's parents or guardian written policies regarding the following areas:

- a.* The general expectation of behavior, including the facility's rules and practices.
- b.* The range of reasonable consequences that may be used to deal with inappropriate behavior.

106.9(5) Discipline policies shall be discussed with:

a. Staff, volunteers, or others who perform duties under a subcontract with the children's residential facility; and

- b.* Parents or guardians before children are admitted to the children's residential facility.

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