

# Durham County Youth Home Visitation Procedures

## A) Who May Visit?

Parents, legal guardian and professionals, step parents, grandparent, siblings (over the age 18) and close relatives **must** have prior approval from the Court Counselor and the concurrence of the Youth Home Director.

## B) Days and hours of visitation;

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday      6pm-8pm (15 minutes per visit)

\* Visitations will end at 8pm

\* *Special visits (family emergencies) can be made to this policy for parents whose work schedule prevents them from visiting during normal visiting hours. Parents must call the Youth Home Director for these special arrangements.*

## C) Conditions of Visits

1. Upon arrival, the visitor shall be directed to a visitor receiving area. **The visitor must produce photographic identification.** Under no circumstance shall any person aged 18 or older be allowed to visit with a juvenile without photographic identification. Visitors under the age of 18 shall not be allowed in Durham County Youth Home.
2. Visitors may not bring food, drink, or pets (except Service Animals) into the facility.
3. Visitors must leave all personal belongings, including cell phones, purses or other bags, locked in their personal vehicle .
4. **Visitors under the age of 18 are prohibited.**
5. **No smoking in Durham County Youth Home as per the County Smoking Ordinance as of August 1, 2012.**
6. The Youth Home Director or designee may refuse entry to any visitor who appears intoxicated, hostile, verbally abusive, and unable to control his behavior and/or does not follow facility rules or regulations. If any visitor refuses to leave, the Youth Home Director or designee **will call 911 for assistance.**
7. No more than two (2) visitors per juvenile are allowed unless otherwise approved by the Youth Home Director or designee.

## D) Visitor Dress Code

1. Visitors must wear appropriate clothing that is not disruptive or offensive and does not pose a security risk. Clothing should not be tight, revealing, suggestive, or see-through.
2. Clothing items that display gang, racist or sexist symbols or words, or have profane language or symbols will not be allowed.
3. If a visitor arrives at Durham County Youth Home dressed inappropriately, the visitor shall be asked to change clothing. If the visitor does not change clothing, he shall not be allowed visitation.