

	JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND PROCEDURES	505 KAR 1:100 REFERENCES:
CHAPTER: Admissions	AUTHORITY: KRS 15A.069	
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I. POLICY

The Advanced Care Unit (ACU) shall operate as a short-term, self-contained program designed to stabilize, assess treatment needs, or provide short-term treatment for committed or sentenced youth who are in an out-of-home placement and have documented or suspected mental health histories or special medical needs.

II. APPLICABILITY

This policy shall apply to all DJJ operated or contracted residential facilities, to all employees, agents, and programs for the Department and to the youth who are committed or sentenced to the Department who are in an out-of-home placement.

III. DEFINITIONS

Refer to Chapter 200.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. Referrals to the ACU shall be submitted electronically and include items as outlined in the Classification and Placement Manual.
- B. The ACU Committee shall consist of:
 1. Chief of Mental Health Services or designee if issue is related to Mental Health;
 2. Director of Medical Services or designee if issue is related to Medical Health;
 3. Director of Community and Mental Health Services or designee;
 4. Central Region Division Director or designee;

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5. Central Region Regional Facilities Administrator
 6. Audubon YDC Superintendent or designee;
 7. Audubon Treatment Director or Facility Psychologist and
 8. Classification Branch Manager or designee.
- C. Release criteria for youth admitted to the ACU shall be followed as outlined in the Classification and Placement Manual.

V. MONITORING MECHANISM

The ACU Committee shall monitor the ACU on an on-going basis.