IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2016-0223-6

JUVENILE COURT SERVICES' EDUCATION COORDINATOR

This matter comes before the Court on information from Chief Juvenile Court Officer Gary P, Niles, Third Judicial District State of Iowa, and the Court after reviewing the matter finds:

1. Youth placed in the Woodbury County Juvenile Detention Center after an initial detention hearing attend school in that facility administered and accredited by the Northwest Area Education Agency in Sioux City, Iowa.

2. The placement of the youth in detention pursuant to an order of the Court begins a federal Title 4E placement episode.

3. Upon placement in detention, a facility teacher contacts the youth's home school to access his or her current academic work and needs, and as school assignments from the home school are completed, graded and submitted, credits are assigned. A report of work completed and credits earned is issued upon the youth's release that is to follow the youth to the next school.

4. The accurate measuring of school achievement, academic standing, transfer of credits between educational agencies and determination of the youth's likelihood for graduation is a technical and complicated expectation that is most efficiently met by a trained professional who has the capacity to follow the frequently complex and often disjointed educational backgrounds of youth in the juvenile justice system.

5. The legal responsibility for case planning for youth placed in detention rests with Juvenile Court Services when the youth is under its supervision. Juvenile court officers need accurate and timely information about each youth's educational status and needs in order to support ongoing learning and to make informed placement recommendations to the Court. The Court is obligated to ensure that a youth's current and future placements provide the necessary educational planning and supports to provide each youth the greatest likelihood of academic success as well as to promote ongoing improvement of graduation rates for the most at-risk youth.

6. Juvenile Court Services in the Third Judicial District contractually employs an education coordinator who is responsible for the efficient and timely auditing of education records for youth being supervised by Juvenile Court Services to ensure that appropriate education planning occurs as youth transition between placements. The education coordinator advises the responsible Juvenile Court Officer regarding the academic status of each youth and proposes a course of study to the receiving placement facility that coincides with the graduation requirements of home school.

7. This employee is an authorized representative of Juvenile Court Services subject to the confidentiality and record-keeping standards of that department.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT as a representative of Juvenile Court Services, the Juvenile Court Services' Education Coordinator is lawfully permitted to accept all education correspondence and records from any Area Education Agency in the Third Judicial District for youth in the Woodbury County Detention Center who are being supervised by Juvenile Court Services.

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