

(5) STAFF QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, INCLUDING TRAINING IN RECOGNIZING AND REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, AND THE RATIO OF STAFF TO CHILDREN IN A JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY;

(6) THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN A JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY, VISITORS, TELEPHONE USE, AND MAIL DELIVERY;

(7) PROHIBITIONS AGAINST THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AGAINST A CHILD; AND

(8) INTERNAL AUDITING AND MONITORING OF PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

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THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT REGULATIONS PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR NONSECURE ALTERNATIVES FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A CHILD COMMITTED UNDER § 3-8A-19 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.

#### **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

3-8A-02.

(a) The purposes of this subtitle are:

(1) To ensure that the Juvenile Justice System balances the following objectives for children who have committed delinquent acts:

(i) Public safety and the protection of the community;

(ii) Accountability of the child to the victim and the community for offenses committed; and

(iii) Competency and character development to assist children in becoming responsible and productive members of society;

(2) To hold parents of children found to be delinquent responsible for the child's behavior and accountable to the victim and the community;

(3) To hold parents of children found to be delinquent or in need of supervision responsible, where possible, for remedying the circumstances that required the court's intervention;

(4) To provide for the care, protection, and wholesome mental and physical development of children coming within the provisions of this subtitle; and to provide for a program of treatment, training, and rehabilitation consistent with the child's best interests and the protection of the public interest;

(5) To conserve and strengthen the child's family ties and to separate a child from his parents only when necessary for his welfare or in the interest of public safety;