

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83C, § 2-136.

In this section, the requirement that the Department "[b]y regulation ... set" standards for nonsecure alternatives is substituted for the former requirement that the Department "develop and adopt regulations providing" standards for nonsecure alternatives for brevity.

Defined term: "Department" § 9-101

9-240. STEP-DOWN AFTERCARE.

(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "STEP-DOWN AFTERCARE" MEANS:

(I) A NETWORK OF PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION; AND

(II) SERVICES AND TREATMENT TO EASE THE TRANSITION OF CHILDREN FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO THEIR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES.

(3) "STEP-DOWN AFTERCARE PLAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN FOR EACH CHILD IN STEP-DOWN AFTERCARE THAT PROPOSES SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE, GUIDANCE, TREATMENT, SERVICES, AND SUPERVISION THAT:

(I) PREPARES THE CHILD FOR REENTRY INTO THE SPECIFIC COMMUNITY TO WHICH THE CHILD WILL RETURN;

(II) ENSURES THE DELIVERY OF PRESCRIBED SERVICES TO THE CHILD IN THE COMMUNITY; AND

(III) MONITORS CONDUCT IN THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY.

(B) SERVICES REQUIRED.

(1) A CHILD DISCHARGED FROM A COMMITTED RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT SHALL RECEIVE STEP-DOWN AFTERCARE FOR THE PERIOD THAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES.

(2) A CHILD IN STEP-DOWN AFTERCARE SHALL RECEIVE:

(I) A STEP-DOWN AFTERCARE PLAN;

(II) SUPERVISION BY STEP-DOWN AFTERCARE STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STEP-DOWN AFTERCARE PLAN;

(III) EDUCATIONAL SERVICES; AND