

Article 49D - Office for Children, Youth and Families
OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN

19.1.

~~(A) (1) IN THIS SUBTITLE, "SPECIAL NEEDS" MEANS:~~

~~(I) THAT ALONG WITH HAVING ONE OR MORE OF THE CONDITIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CHILD HAS EXPERIENCED CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PUT THE CHILD AT RISK OF OUT OF STATE PLACEMENT; OR~~

~~(II) NEEDS THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR FUNDING OF ONE OR MORE STATE AGENCIES OR THEIR LOCAL COUNTERPARTS.~~

~~(2) SPECIAL NEEDS INCLUDES A NEED FOR SERVICES FOR THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:~~

~~(I) MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL DISORDER;~~

~~(II) EDUCATIONAL HANDICAP;~~

~~(III) DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY;~~

~~(IV) SUBSTANCE ABUSE;~~

~~(V) DELINQUENCY;~~

~~(VI) CONDITIONS THAT REQUIRE SERVICES FROM THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:~~

~~1. CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE; OR~~

~~2. CHILDREN IN NEED OF SUPERVISION; OR~~

~~(VII) ANY OTHER CONDITION AS DEFINED UNDER THE PLAN DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~(A) (B) (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS STATE:~~

~~(1) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, TO PROVIDE FOR AND ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONTINUUM OF QUALITY EDUCATION, TREATMENT, AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE CHILDREN OF THIS STATE;~~

~~(2) TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE STATE TO SERVE CHILDREN:~~

~~(I) IN THEIR HOMES; OR~~