
 <p>State of Connecticut Department of Correction</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE</p>	Directive Number 8.12	Effective Date 10/31/2007	Page 1 of 2
	Supersedes Placement of Children Born to Incarcerated Women, dated 10/1/1998		
Approved By 	Title Placement of Children Born to Incarcerated Women		

1. Policy. The Department of Correction shall assist the Connecticut Department of Children and Families in the placement of children born to incarcerated women.
2. Authority and Reference.
 - A. Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 17a-3, 18-69a and 18-81.
 - B. Administrative Directives 6.4, Transportation and Community Supervision of Inmates; and 6.5, Use of Force.
3. Definitions. For the purposes stated herein, the following definitions apply:
 - A. Transition Visit. An authorized visit between an inmate mother, newborn and the newborn's guardian(s). This visit is the transition period in which the inmate mother turns over custody of the newborn to the guardian(s). The Lawrence and Memorial Hospital High-Risk Case Manager or designee shall be present during a transition visit.
 - B. Unit Administrator. The Warden of the York Correctional Institution.
4. Liaison Function. The Unit Administrator shall appoint a staff member to perform liaison duties between the York Correctional Institution, Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, and the Department of Children and Families.
5. Intake Procedure. The Unit Administrator shall ensure that the following procedures are followed when an inmate is admitted to the York Correctional Institution:
 - A. Each newly admitted inmate shall submit a urine specimen for pregnancy testing. Each pregnant inmate shall be referred to the next available obstetrics and gynecology (OB/GYN) clinic.
 - B. As part of the admissions process, each inmate shall be required to report current contact with the Department of Children and Families.
6. Prenatal Coordination. The social work professionals from Lawrence and Memorial Hospital and the Department of Children and Families have primary responsibility for creating a placement plan for the newborn. As part of the OB/GYN clinic, an inmate shall meet with a physician and a social work professional from Lawrence and Memorial Hospital to facilitate prenatal classes and plan for placement of the newborn.
7. Use of Restraints and Transportation. Use of restraints on pregnant women shall be in accordance with Administrative Directives 6.4, Transportation and Community Supervision of Inmates and 6.5, Use of Force. Transportation to Lawrence and Memorial Hospital or other designated hospital shall be in accordance with Administrative Directive 6.4, Transportation and Community Supervision of Inmates. During an emergency, transportation shall be made via ambulance.

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8. Birth and Hospitalization. An inmate shall be scheduled to give birth at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital or other designated hospital. No visitors shall be allowed at the hospital during the inmate's stay unless authorized by the Unit Administrator. However, the inmate mother may be allowed to visit the newborn at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital or other designated hospital when the newborn's hospitalization is extended for medical observation or care.

During hospitalizations for labor and delivery, one (1) transition visit shall be authorized between the inmate mother, newborn and the newborn's guardian(s). The Lawrence and Memorial Hospital High-Risk Case Manager or designee shall identify the newborn's guardian(s). The visit shall take place in the inmate's hospital room and may be up to 30 minutes in length. A properly identified child advocate or representative of the Department of Children and Families may also be present. The Unit Administrator shall create and maintain procedures by which these visits are accommodated.

9. Placement of the Newborn. The newborn shall be placed in accordance with the plan developed by social work professionals from Lawrence and Memorial Hospital and the Department of Children and Families.
10. Emergency. No provision of this Administrative Directive shall prevent a physician from taking necessary action to ensure the well-being of the inmate or the newborn.
11. Exceptions. Any exceptions to the procedures in this Administrative Directive shall require prior written approval from the Commissioner.