

Prohibition on Youth Control

202.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to define the requirement that members should at all times exercise control of the youth population under their supervision and should prevent youths from supervising, controlling, or exerting any authority over other youths within the facility (15 CCR 1391).

202.2 POLICY

All members should exercise control and supervision of all youths under their control. It is the policy of this department to prohibit any staff member from implicitly allowing, or by dereliction of duty allowing, any youth to exercise authority, control, discipline, or rule over any other youth.

202.3 EDUCATION, PEER MEDIATORS, TEAM LEADERS, AND PROGRAM ASSISTANTS

Nothing in this policy is intended to restrict the legitimate use of youths as trained peer mediators or team leaders, or to assist in the instruction of educational or drug and alcohol programs. Any use of youths in this manner will be expressly authorized by the Division Chief in a legally prescribed manner. Any program that uses youths to assist in legitimate program activities will be closely supervised by members. Nothing in this section is intended to authorize a youth program assistant to engage in disciplining other youths.