

# JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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## PURPOSE

To describe how continuing education is practiced and carried out in a systematic manner throughout Juvenile Court Health Services.

## POLICY

Juvenile Court Health Services (JCHS) recognizes and supports the rights and need of employees to pursue continuing education in order to promote continuing and upgrading of skills for the delivery of health care. JCHS shall provide staff development programs designed to educate and/or improve skills, knowledge, and attitudes, both to increase the employee's effectiveness and to develop the potential to advance to more responsible positions.

All healthcare professional employed by JCHS shall be permitted to receive continuing education for staff development appropriate to their positions.

Ongoing in-service education and other training are encouraged, assessed, and provided by JCHS. Documentation of appropriate employee education and training will be the responsibility of the employee for reconciliation with time taken off for continuing education.

The amount of time spent in continuing education and in-service training will continue to be regulated by management and will be dependent upon service needs and requirements of the external accreditation and licensing agencies.

Educational leave needed for continuing education may be granted at employees at the discretion of the JCHS leadership on an individual case basis and in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

As an example, for JCHS staff, these are California's continuing education (CE) requirements to maintain licensure:

Physicians	50 CME / 2 years
Dentists	50 CE / 2 years
Dental Assistants	25 CE / 2 years
Nursing	30 CE / 2 years

Part-time qualified health care professionals are required to meet the state licensure requirements for continuing education to maintain their licensure.

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For mental health staff, refer to Juvenile Justice Mental Health Programs Policies for more information.

All qualified health care professionals who have patient contact are current in cardiopulmonary resuscitation technique.

### **AUTHORITY**

California Code of Regulation, Title 15, Article 8, Section 1404

### **REFERENCE**

NCCHC Standard Y-C-03  
DHS Policy Manual #294, Continuing Education  
Applicable Memoranda of Understanding

### **REVIEW DATES**

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