

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

- 1 Philosophy
 - 1.1 It is the responsibility of OPTIONS staff members to supervise and treat aberrant behaviors. These responsibilities include assessment of behaviors, development of a plan to treat aberrant behaviors, ongoing observation of aberrant behaviors, suggestions for modifications of the behavior plan, recognition of the wants, needs, and desires of supported persons, and the safety and well-being of all persons.
2. Calling law enforcement offices under the following conditions is appropriate for OPTIONS staff:
 - 2.1 A supported person leaves the immediate supervision of a OPTIONS staff member without indicating where he or she is going. Elopement without notification is considered by OPTIONS to be self-endangerment. (See Elopement Policy #200.5.4)
 - 2.2 A supported person commits a federal, state or local penal code violation. It is understood that law enforcement officials have some discretionary power to resolve minor penal code violations without bringing formal charges; however, since this discretionary power is beyond that of OPTIONS staff members, all penal code violations will be reported to the proper authorities.
 - 2.3 When a supported person represents a danger to himself and others.
3. Preparation for law enforcement officers:
 - 3.1 Any time law enforcement officers are summoned, OPTIONS staff members will be prepared with the following information:
 - 3.1.1 Emergency information on the supported person.
 - 3.1.2 Photo identification of person(s) involved in the incident.
 - 3.1.3 List of current medications, if any.
 - 3.1.4 A verbal action plan of what staff members expect the law enforcement officer(s) to do (e.g., take a report, press charges, notify County Mental Health; etc.)
4. The OPTIONS on-call staff person must be notified any time law enforcement officers are called:

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Law Enforcement Notification

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