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	Policies and Procedures		Distribution:	Public	Due for Rev:	1/2018
	Chapter:	Prisoner Rights				
Subject:	Requirements Relating to Female Prisoners					

I. Authority

In accordance with 22 AAC 05.155, the Department will maintain a manual composed of policies and procedures established by the Commissioner to interpret and implement relevant sections of the Alaska Statutes and 22 AAC.

II. References

Alaska Statutes
AS 33.30.011

III. Purpose

To provide consistent standards for housing female prisoners

IV. Application

All Staff

V. Definitions

None

VI. Policy

It is the policy of the department that all female prisoners will be housed separately and must be provided access to facility programs and facilities comparable to those provided to male prisoners and consistent with the mission of the institution. Female prisoners shall be provided programs about pregnancy, child care, and domestic violence. Counseling shall be made available to female prisoners who are pregnant.

VII. Procedures

A. Female prisoners shall be housed separately from male prisoners.

B. Female prisoners shall be provided with counseling regarding family and pregnancy upon request.

C. Pregnant Prisoners

1. Medical Care

The Department shall provide the medical facilities and health care necessary for a pregnant prisoner and her child. The prisoner shall receive proper prenatal and postnatal health care.

2. After the Birth

No female prisoner may keep her child in the facility under any circumstances. The prisoner must place the infant with family members or in foster care.

D. Prisoners with Children

The Department will consider a female prisoner's proximity to her children during her designation.

1. When there is a child age 3 and under:

A prisoner whose child is age 3 or under may, at the Superintendent's discretion, visit with her child for up to eight hours per day. The Superintendent shall consider the length of the prisoner's sentence, suitability of the visiting environment, program participation and conduct of the prisoner. Visitation must comply with the following:

a. When brought to, and returned from, the facility, the child must be accompanied by an adult family member, foster parent, or guardian legally authorized to have that child in his or her care;

b. The child and accompanying paraphernalia are subject to appropriate security screening;

c. The child's guardian is not required to be present during visitation.

2. Children age 4 and older shall visit according to Policy & Procedure 810.02 [Visitation].

VIII. Implementation

This policy and procedure is effective when it is signed by the Commissioner. Each Manager shall incorporate the directions outlined in this document into local policy and procedure.

1/29/2014

Date

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Joseph D. Schmidt, Commissioner
Department of Corrections

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