

CHAPTER 53

AN ACT concerning the Division of Children’s System of Care and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.30:4C-4.6 Definitions; Division of Children's System of Care, training program, emergency homeless shelter employees.

1. a. As used in this section:

“Division” means the Division of Children’s System of Care in the Department of Children and Families.

“Emergency shelter for the homeless” means a building or structure in which a public entity or a private, nonprofit organization provides shelter, or food and shelter, to individuals and families having neither a home nor the means to obtain a home or other temporary lodging.

b. (1) The Division of Children’s System of Care shall establish a training program for the purpose of educating employees of an emergency shelter of the homeless on:

(a) the services provided by the division, including, but not limited to, mobile response and stabilization, care management services, family support, and other therapeutic and support services for youth with emotional and behavioral challenges, substance use challenges, and intellectual and development disabilities; and

(b) how to assist parents and youth in accessing the services provided by the division outlined in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(2) The training program shall be made available to employees of an emergency shelter for the homeless in a manner determined by the division, and shall be updated on a regular basis as may be appropriate.

c. As part of the training program established pursuant to subsection b. of this section, the division shall:

(1) develop educational and informational materials concerning the services offered by the division for youth with emotional and behavioral challenges, substance use challenges, and intellectual and development disabilities; and

(2) make available to the public on the division's Internet website, both in print, via a Department of Children and Families publication order form that can be submitted from the website, and in a digital format that can be easily printed from the website, the information contained in educational and informational materials developed pursuant to this subsection, and update this information as necessary.

2. In accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the Division of Children’s System of Care, in consultation with the Department of Community Affairs, shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month next following enactment.

Approved May 8, 2023.