Little City Foundation Policies \& Procedures

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the religious rights of individuals are protected.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to all individuals receiving services at Little City Foundation.

## POLICY

It shall be the policy of Little City Foundation to ensure that each individual has religious instruction in his/he/their own faith, or that of the parents/guardians, unless there is written consent of the parent/guardian to participate in religious instruction and to attend the facility of another faith. This shall include consent to baptism or confirmation.

## PROCEDURE

Each individual will be encouraged and given the opportunity to participate in religious services based on their own faith, or that of the parents/guardians, individually or in small groups.

Staff working in residential programs will ensure that they are sensitive to honor the religious beliefs, traditions, etc. of each individual. Staff is not required to participate in the religious services; however, they are responsible for assisting the individual to participate to the extent of their abilities by providing transportation as assigned by management and the required level of supervision.

Youth and their families served in the foster care program are bound to the rules and procedures setforth by DCFS in the Child Care Act, Rule 402 "Licensing Standards of Foster Family Homes" and Procedure 315 - Services delivered to youth receiving services from the Department (DCFS).

