Electronic Monitoring Program Sites

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Electronic Monitoring Program
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For child care, foster care and adoption information, call: **1-800-345-KIDS (5437)**
To report child abuse and neglect, call: **1-800-342-3720**
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Transition Program

The Electronic Monitoring (EM) Program is a bridge between the Office of Children and Family Services’ facility residential placement and the Aftercare Program. Aftercare is a program of services—such as counseling and enrollment in educational or vocational programs—provided to youth after they are released from a facility. Electronic Monitoring is not intended to replace any functions or services currently being provided to youth. Rather, it is intended to provide support to youth as they transition from residential care to home.

The Electronic Monitoring Program provides an Aftercare counselor with the ability to closely monitor adherence to curfew requirements during the first four to eight weeks after a youth leaves facility care. Intensive supervision and support, during the first weeks of a youth’s return to the community, result in a more controlled re-entry.

Electronic Monitoring is used to manage and measure a youth’s compliance with curfew and program requirements. It is not intended to restrict a youth to the home as a form of “house arrest.”

Program Procedures

The actual monitoring and data collection for the project has been contracted. The contractor transmits monitoring data and reports concerning compliance, violations and tampering with the equipment to the terminals established in the Office of Children and Family Services Central Communications Unit and the participating Aftercare field offices. Coverage of the terminals is provided by Central Communications Unit staff and by the Electronic Monitoring Coordinator based in Central Office.

The Electronic Monitoring Program features a balance of incentives (progressively later curfews) and graduated consequences for violations. There are three basic types of violations:

Late for Curfew
- Youth is late for curfew but returns within two hours.

AWOL
- Youth is out two hours after curfew OR leaves home before/after curfew.

Tampering
- Youth tampers with, or intentionally interferes with, the Electronic Monitoring equipment.

For each type of violation, the contractor generates reports which are sent to the appropriate offices. Depending on the nature of the violation and the history of the particular youth, the staff on duty at the Central Communications Unit may notify the on-call Aftercare Administrator. At that point, the on-call Administrator determines which of the pre-planned violation scenarios will be executed. These options range from calling a youth’s residence to issuing a warrant for return to residential program.

Youth Selection

Up to 100 youth can be on Electronic Monitoring at any one time. Selection is made as slots become available.

Upon transfer to the Electronic Monitoring Program, youth will receive the services, supervision and support normally provided to youth in day treatment programs. Youth will be required to adhere to a strict curfew schedule, attend school, attend counseling or support programs and participate in other required services.

In the absence of any violations, youth will be on Electronic Monitoring for four weeks before being released to Aftercare. Based on overall performance, violations may result in the extension of Electronic Monitoring for one or two weeks. Eight weeks is the maximum time a youth will be allowed to remain on Electronic Monitoring, at which point, the youth either transfers to Aftercare or returns to a higher level of care.

Program Highlights

- Electronic Monitoring is a program that is intended to support successful community re-entry for adjudicated youth.
- Electronic Monitoring is used for supervision and as an intermediate sanction.
- Electronic Monitoring is available to youth transitioning to six upstate (Buffalo, Capital District, Newburgh/Yonkers, Rochester, Syracuse and Utica) and two downstate (Brooklyn and Manhattan) Aftercare teams and to the Intensive Aftercare Programs (New York City and Rochester).
- Up to 50 youth can be enrolled in the Electronic Monitoring Program at any one time.
- A contracted service has primary responsibility for operating the data monitoring system.
- Depending upon their record of compliance, youth will be on Electronic Monitoring for four to eight weeks before being released to Aftercare.