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Visiting and communications.

- (A) A residential facility shall ensure that arrangements for visitation and communication between the child and family or friends are not in conflict with the policy statement required by rule 5101:2-5-13 of the Administrative Code or the child's case plan and that such arrangements are documented in the service plan.
- (B) A residential facility shall allow a child to send and receive mail subject only to the residential facility's rules regarding contraband and directives from the child's legal custodian when such rules and directives do not conflict with federal postal regulations.
- (C) A residential facility shall, in accordance with the service plan, allow a child access to a telephone which will permit the child to make and receive calls. A child's access to use of a telephone shall not be unreasonably denied.
- (D) A residential facility shall, in accordance with the service plan, provide reasonable conditions of privacy for visits and telephone contacts.
- (E) A residential facility shall allow each child to confer with his or her attorney and guardian ad litem, by telephone or at the facility, in private, at reasonable times desired by the child.
- (F) A residential facility shall designate space, which is not space in which children live, to serve as an area for private discussions and counseling sessions between children and staff.
- (G) A residential facility shall ensure that a child who has access to electronic media, which may include internet and e-mail service, adheres to the agency's policy regarding communications.

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