

<i>Child Protection Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. C-5.1</i>	Program	Children in Care	
	Subject	Child Personal Belongings in Residential Services	Policy # 2.11
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1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The Director of Child Protection, as legal guardian for children in care, strives to provide a safe, respectful and accountable environment for children and their personal belongings, to include their clothing, while living in group care provided by Residential Services.

2.0 POLICY STATEMENT

2.1 The Director of Child Protection recognizes the importance for children residing in group care, as provided by Residential Services, to bring personal belongings to their new living environment.

2.2 The Director of Child Protection recognizes the importance of discussing with the child and their parent(s), prior to placement if possible, personal belongings that are appropriate and any restrictions that may apply.

2.3 Upon admission to Residential Services, staff of Residential Services will meet with the child and /or parent(s) to record all personal belongings accompanying the child on the Child Personal Belonging Form. Any new items obtained by the child during their stay with Residential Services must be similarly recorded and items no longer in the possession of the child are to be accounted for. This is a shared responsibility between the child and/or parent(s) and the Residential Services staff. Changes in personal belongings, following documentation upon admission, are to be recorded at the time of occurrence.

2.4 The Child Personal Belonging Form is to be signed and dated by the child and/or parent(s) and the Residential Services staff recording the belongings each time there is a change.

2.5 Child personal belongings are to be tagged, as appropriate, to identify the owner.

2.6 Due to limited space, it may not be possible to have all of a child's requested personal belongings on site. Every effort will be made to accommodate the needs of the child.

- 2.7 All personal belongings, as recorded on the Child Personal Belongings Form, will be returned to the child and/or parent(s) by Residential Services staff when a child no longer resides in a group home.
- 2.8 The Primary Youth Worker for the child will review the Child Personal Belongings Form once per month with the child to ensure accuracy.

3.0 References

After Hours Emergency Child Protection Service 1.11

Apprehension 1.9

Voluntary Agreement for Temporary Custody and Guardianship 1.7