

## JUVENILE REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION (JRA) JRA CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS FOR RESPONDING TO SITUATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Effective July 25, 1999, RCW 13.40.570 sets forth the process for responding to situations where it has been determined that a JRA contractor, or an employee, or volunteer, or subcontractor of a JRA contractor, has engaged in sexual intercourse or sexual contact with a JRA youth.

Subsection (3) of the RCW states that when the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) has reasonable cause to believe sexual intercourse or sexual contact between a JRA contractor, or employee, or volunteer, or subcontractor of a JRA contractor, and a JRA youth has occurred, the Secretary shall require the contractor, or the employee or subcontractor of the contractor, to be immediately removed from any employment position which would permit the employee to have access to any JRA youth.

Subsection (4) states that the Secretary shall disqualify for employment with a contractor any person, for any position which has access to JRA youth:

- a. Who is found, through a preponderance of evidence, by the department or law enforcement to have had sexual intercourse or sexual conduct with any JRA youth; or
- b. Upon a guilty plea or conviction for any crime specified in RCW 9A.44, Sexual Offense, when the victim was a JRA youth. Note: Recent changes have added additional crimes to RCW 9A.44 that will be added to JRA's background check and reporting requirements. Because of those changes, it will be necessary for you to ensure all current and future employees, volunteers, or subcontractors of a JRA contractor acknowledge their requirement to report a guilty plea or conviction for any of these crimes.

Subsection (5) requires the Secretary, when considering the renewal of a contract with a contractor who has taken action under Subsection (3) or (4) above, to require the contractor to demonstrate they have greatly reduced the likelihood that any of its employees, volunteers, or subcontractors could have sexual intercourse or sexual contact with any JRA youth. The Secretary shall examine whether the contractor has taken steps to improve hiring, training, and monitoring practices and whether the employee(s) remain(s) with the contractor.

I am aware of my responsibility to ensure that all of my employees, volunteers, and subcontractors are knowledgeable about the requirements of RCW 13.40.570, and of the new crimes included in RCW 9A.44, Sex Offenses. In addition, as a term of my contract, I understand my responsibilities to respond to situations involving sexual misconduct of any of my employees, volunteers, and subcontractors and that failure to follow the requirements noted may result in the termination or non-renewal of my contract.

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