

Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) Summary on Nevada's System of Care Core Values and Principles 2.5.2021

DCFS operates all services consistent with System of Care values and principles (attachment 1). One of these principles is: Deliver services and supports within the least restrictive, most normative environments that are clinically appropriate. These values and principles are embedded in our policies and practices with relation to initial placement into a residential setting, and regular ongoing assessment to determine continued eligibility for the level of care.

Specific to skilled nursing facilities, we are aware that children in the custody of child welfare agencies are sometimes placed in skilled nursing facilities. We recently developed a draft policy enhancing documentation requirements to support placement of children in skilled nursing facilities. The policy is based on statute (432B.390) that outlines a priority order for placement decisions for children removed from their homes.