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**I. POLICY**

It is the policy of the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services (DYS) to incorporate the following Mission and Vision Statements which reflect our goals and philosophy.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

None

**III. PROCEDURE****a. MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of DYS is to provide leadership for change for youth, family units, and communities. It operates by creating legitimate alternative pathways to adulthood through equal access to services that are least intrusive, culturally sensitive, and consistent with the highest professional standards.

**b. VISION STATEMENT**

Our vision is that every child experiences success in caring families and nurturing communities that cherish children and teach them to value family and community. Our vision is guided by the fact that our decisions and actions affecting children today determine the quality of our life tomorrow.