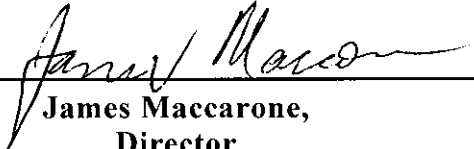


**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES**

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I. POLICY

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

II. DEFINITIONS

None

III. PROCEDURE

MISSION STATEMENT

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

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision of DYS is that every child experience success in caring families and nurturing communities that cherish children and teach them to value family and community. This vision is guided by the fact that decisions and actions which affect children today, determine their quality of life tomorrow