

Board Policy

Justice Center Compliance

Pursuant to Chapter 501 of the Laws of 2012, the *Protection of People with Special Needs Act* requires the newly established Justice Center to maintain a register of subjects of reports who have been found to have a substantiated category one case of abuse or neglect, also known as the *Staff Exclusion List* (SEL), and who are deemed ineligible to work in a position involving regular and substantial contact with a service recipient. Eastern Suffolk BOCES programs which are funded by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), and other State Oversight Agencies, as defined in Social Services Law §488(4-a), must comply with this legislation as it pertains to individuals who are served through such ESBOCES programs.

The Board declares that it is the policy of ESBOCES to comply with the requirements of the Justice Center that are applicable to ESBOCES programs which are funded by OPWDD, OASAS, and any other State Oversight Agency, as defined in Social Services Law §488(4-a).

It shall be the responsibility of the District Superintendent, Chief Operating Officer, or designee to establish and implement written regulations that will:

1. outline the obligations of ESBOCES;
2. identify those employees who will be responsible for the effective implementation of the *Protection of People with Special Needs Act* and the requirements of the Justice Center;
3. provide the designated employees with the time and other resources necessary for the effective implementation of the regulations;
4. establish periodic (at least annual) reviews of the activities of the employees charged under the regulations to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and
5. periodically review the regulations to ensure compliance with all current law.

References:

- Chapter 501 of the Laws of 2012 (eff. June 30, 2013)
- NYS Social Services Law §488
- 14 NYCRR §624
- Administrative Regulation 7001R.1 – Justice Center Compliance