

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

THE MINOR IN POSSESSION (MIP) PROGRAM

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Bullhook Community Health Center, Inc. Montana MIP Program is offered as a service to the judicial system and to the persons convicted of MIP offenses and sentenced under 45-5-624 MCA. Its purpose is to provide screening, education and treatment referral (under specified circumstances) to MIP offenders referred by a sentencing court. The program is designed to meet the needs of the MIP offender and court system, as well as to meet the required standards of operation set forth by the Department of Public Health and Human Services, Addiction and Mental Health Disorders Division and the ethical standards of Bullhook Community Health Center, Inc.

The MIP Program offered through Bullhook Community Health Center is designed for youth under the age of 21 who have received a first or subsequent MIP charge. The MIP program is an educational program designed to enlighten youth and their parents about the harmful physical and psychological effects of alcohol on the human body, the serious legal consequences related to substance misuse and recognize responsible decision making choices.

For youth, the MIP First Offence Class is 6 hours in length and covers the following topics:

1. The law
2. Physiological effects of alcohol and drugs
3. Progressions of use to misuse to abuse to dependency
4. Values, decision making, responsibility
5. Self-assessment, chemical Use History

Second or Subsequent MIP Offenses

An offender who has multiple charges will do a complete chemical dependency evaluation. Evaluations are done in three sessions or more; MT law states that if the offender is under the age 18, a parent or legal guardian must accompany the youth to the 1st & 3rd sessions. If it is determined during the evaluation process that the client has a Substance Use Disorder, the client will be referred to the appropriate level of care based on the most current revised edition of the American Society of Addiction Medicine, Patient Placement Criteria. If treatment is recommended, the youth is to complete such treatment.

Prime for Life Course

The Course is a series of 2 classes. Schedules for the courses will be given at the time of the Intake Appointment. In order to complete the course in a timely manner, it is recommended that the person attend both 6 hour sessions in a row. A missed class will result in a make-up session, which will be a month later.

The offender is given two (2) weeks or ten (10) business days from the day they are sentenced by the judge to contact the Minor in Possession (MIP) provider and make the necessary appointment to enrol in class. The offender has 90 days from the date of sentencing to complete the class.

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