Windsor County Youth Services Handbook

282 Suicidal Youth

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If a staff member suspects a resident of having suicidal thoughts the staff member should spend some time with the youth discussing what is going on. DO NOT LEAVE THE RESIDENT ALONE if you suspect that he or she may make an attempt. Emergency services should be called for a consultation or to make a referral.

284 Supervision of Youth

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WCYS requires at least one staff person on duty at all times. The staff to client ratio for shelter clients should not exceed 4 clients per staff. This ensures proper supervision of residents at all times, and ensures 24-hour availability of services to all youth.

One person will be on call at all times to answer any kind of emergency. In the event that there is a particularly difficult resident an extra staff person will be put on duty.