



# OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY

## Policy Statement

### Part III – Youth Services (Community)



Subject:

#### Tattoo Removal Service [Field]

Section – Policy Number:

**D: Case Management – 3.5**

Supersedes:

**None**

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#### Related Standards and References:

- [ORS 419C.550 \(Duties and Authority\)](#)
- [OYA policy](#): I-A-8.0 (Exercise and Delegation of Legal Custodian and Guardianship Authority)  
III-D-2.1 (Youth Transports and Escorts within the Community)  
II-E-2.3 (Tattoo Removal Service [Facility])
- [OYA forms](#): YA 1510 (Tattoo Removal Service Application)  
YA 1511 (Consent for Tattoo Removal form)

#### Related Procedures:

- None

#### Policy Owner:

Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations Manager

#### Approved:

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#### I. PURPOSE:

This policy establishes a referral process for OYA youth placed in the community to use tattoo removal services located in an OYA facility.

Refer to OYA policy II-E-2.3 (Tattoo Removal Service [Facility]) for guidelines regarding youth in OYA facilities.

#### II. POLICY DEFINITIONS:

None.

#### III. POLICY:

The OYA strives to protect the public by ensuring youth accountability and promoting change through reformation and treatment while providing a safe environment. Youth with antisocial tattoos may be hindered from achieving reformation goals. Public perception of antisocial tattoos may impede youth from associating with positive peer groups, limit opportunities for employment, or delay disassociation from previous antisocial/criminal behavior.

Tattoo removal services are available to eligible youth to assist them in achieving reformation goals and promote positive social change. These services are performed by volunteer physicians using an aesthetic laser.

#### **IV. GENERAL STANDARDS:**

- A. The Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations will oversee youth tattoo removal services.
- B. The Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations will designate a Tattoo Removal Coordinator who will coordinate tattoo removal services.
- C. The facility clinic where the tattoo removal services are performed will:
  - 1. Ensure volunteer physicians are certified to perform tattoo removal services;
  - 2. Ensure an area to perform tattoo removal services is identified;
  - 3. Ensure an area to store tattoo removal laser and supplies is identified;
  - 4. Prepare youth for laser procedure; and
  - 5. Provide youth post-laser medical treatment.
- D. Youth criteria for participation in tattoo removal services
  - 1. The youth has an antisocial tattoo(s) which may impede successful rehabilitation.
  - 2. The youth's Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) recommends participation in tattoo removal services.
  - 3. The youth can establish commitment to disassociate from antisocial and criminal groups or activities by completing an application that documents:
    - a) Successful participation in rehabilitative activity as reported by a case manager. Such activity includes participation in any OYA approved treatment program.
    - b) An understanding of how the youth's tattoo(s) may sustain involvement in antisocial and criminal groups or activity, and how tattoo removal will affect the youth's life.
    - c) A signed statement of intent to disassociate from antisocial and criminal culture.
    - d) A willingness to support tattoo removal procedures by attending scheduled treatment appointments.

- E. Youth application for tattoo removal services
  - 1. Youth participation in tattoo removal services is voluntary.
  - 2. Youth may apply for tattoo removal services by completing the YA 1510 (Tattoo Removal Service Application). A designated field staff will forward the YA 1510 to the Tattoo Removal Coordinator for review.
  - 3. Field staff will obtain written consent from all youth prior to their participation in tattoo removal services by having youth complete the YA 1511 (Consent for Tattoo Removal).
    - a) For youth under 15 years of age, field staff must also obtain the youth's parent's or legal guardian's consent prior to participation in tattoo removal services.
    - b) If the OYA is the guardian, consent authority will be exercised only by the field supervisor of the office where the youth is placed.
- F. Transportation for tattoo removal service
  - 1. A designated field staff will arrange transportation to the OYA facility where tattoo removal services are available.
  - 2. If the youth is less than 18 years of age, the designated field staff or parent must transport the youth to the OYA facility where tattoo removal services are available.
- G. While in the OYA facility where tattoo removal services are available, parole/probation youth will have no contact with youth regularly housed at the facility and will be supervised by designated facility staff.
- H. Youth who obtain additional antisocial tattoos after receiving tattoo removal services will be disqualified from further tattoo removal services.
- I. Documentation of tattoo removal services will be indicated in the youth's JJIS notes by designated staff.

**V. LOCAL OPERATING PROTOCOL REQUIRED: NO**