I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide OYA staff guidelines regarding family planning services available to OYA youth offenders.

II. POLICY DEFINITIONS

None.

III. POLICY

Decisions involving family planning are personal and may involve the youth offender, his/her parents/guardians, and the youth offender’s physician.

OYA case management services include the assurance that information regarding family planning resources is available to requesting youth offenders.

IV. GENERAL STANDARDS

A. OYA staff will provide requesting youth offenders information on community resources related to family planning. These resources may
include county health departments, hospital information programs and other public or private programs.

B. OYA staff will remain neutral on the youth offender’s available choices regarding family planning.

C. If OYA staff have information about use or abuse of substances by a pregnant youth offender, a referral will be made to the protective services representative at the local branch of the Department of Human Services.

In addition, to the extent feasible, treatment services will be made available to chemically dependent pregnant youth offenders.

V. LOCAL OPERATING PROTOCOL REQUIRED: NO