

POLICY:

TriCity Family Services prohibits its staff from using physical restraint, chemical restraint, or any other behavior intervention with an agency client that would restrict that individual's freedom of movement, in order to prevent harm to self or others. This policy applies to both on-site and off-site client interactions.

PROCEDURE:

When a client (or collateral) is observed to be at risk of harming themselves or others, and a collateral (e.g. parent, guardian) is not available and/or able to effectively control the behavior, the staff person will call 911 to request assistance. When appropriate, staff will obtain consent from parent/guardian to call 911 to request assistance.

Staff may employ passive defense techniques to help ensure their own safety and the safety of others until law enforcement officers arrive on the scene and assume control over the situation.

An agency Incident Report should be completed and submitted by the staff person to his/her immediate supervisor or designee within 24 hours of the incident.