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**POLICY BULLETIN**  
**2014-01**

**Subject and Number** DCF [Policy 36-16](#) Runaways: Notification and Follow Up Process

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**Related Practice Guides** [Runaways: Notification and Follow up Process](#)

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**Forms** None

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**Explanation** This is entirely new policy that sets forth the duties and responsibilities of DCF staff when a child has run away from placement. Please note that all runaways under age 13 must be reported to law enforcement immediately. Children age 13 and over must be reported to law enforcement according to the timeline set forth in the policy.

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**Suggestions for Improvement** If you have any suggestions for clarifying or improving the attached policy, procedures or forms, please contact: Dr. Linda Dixon, Director of Psychological Services, at 860-550-6383.

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**Sunsetted Policy and Forms** The following policy has been replaced by this revision:  
None