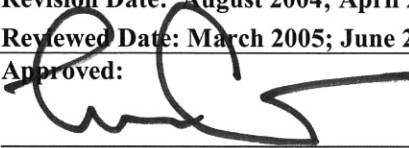




**COBB COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

Page 1 of 1

Policy # 1022	Spiritual and Pastoral Services
Origination Date: February 1998	
Revision Date: August 2004; April 28, 2006; June 13, 2008; July 2, 2009, March 22, 2013	
Reviewed Date: March 2005; June 29, 2007, August 9, 2010	
Approved: 	
Tod W. Citron, Executive Director	

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Cobb County Community Services Board and Douglas County Community Services Board that religious choices of clients in residential placements are respected and that clients have access to spiritual/pastoral services.

PROCEDURE:

1. All clients in residential programs will be informed of the availability of spiritual/pastoral services during their orientation to the program. Pastoral services include pastoral care and counseling, education, and consultation.
2. Religious practices should not infringe upon the rights of others and the treatment program.
3. A client must request pastoral services.
4. Stabilization Unit clients will:
 - a. be allowed visitation by clergy/spiritual leaders outside of regular visitation hours
 - b. upon their request to attend a spiritual/religious service be assessed by the physician and if the request is approved the physician will write an order to include the designated time period off the unit
 - c. have unit staff attempt to arrange for transportation and accompaniment to place of worship of their choice
5. Pastoral Services Referrals can be provided upon request.
6. Hartmann Center clients will:
 - a. be allowed to participate in clergy/lay ministers visitation on Wednesdays and Sunday afternoon if they desire.
 - b. be able to attend worship services with staff on a weekly basis if they desire