

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION  
502**

**YOUTHFUL OFFENDER CLASSIFICATION**

**Supersedes:** 06/17/12; (Temporary, 06/05/13); 10/15/13; (Temporary, 04/24/2017)  
**Effective date:** 05/16/17

**AUTHORITY:** NRS 209.131; NRS 209.301; NRS 176.017; 42 U.S.C. § 15601, *et seq.* and Federal Register 28, Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 115

**PURPOSE**

To ensure the appropriate procedure of placing young adults and/or youthful offenders in the appropriate custody level to match offender needs with correctional resources which they will be assigned, and the level of supervision they will receive in compliance with federal and state regulations.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

The Deputy Director of Programs is responsible to ensure administration of NDOC classification.

The Offender Management Administrator (OMA) is responsible for the implementation of this regulation.

The Wardens are responsible for the implementation of this regulation at their specific institutions.

**502.01 INITIAL CLASSIFICATION OF YOUNG ADULT OR YOUTHFUL OFFENDER(S)**

1. The classification committee will consider placing a young adult or youthful offender in an institution or facility, and programs specifically designated for young offenders.
  - A. Youthful offender as defined under PREA Standards is an individual who is under the age of 18.
  - B. A young adult includes individuals up to the age of 25.
2. The classification committee shall determine the appropriate level of custody for young adult and youthful offenders based on the following case factors:
  - A. The nature and severity of the inmate's offense.

- B. The characteristics of the inmate's sentence.
  - C. The inmate's criminal history.
  - D. The inmate's age.
  - E. The inmate's mental and physical health.
  - F. The criminal, institutional, and social sophistication of the inmate.
  - G. The inmate's susceptibility to exploitation.
  - H. The security risk posed by the inmate.
  - I. PREA Regulations
3. The following represents the hierarchy of placement for young adult and youthful offenders starting with the most susceptible and least sophisticated.
- A. Transfer to the Division of Child and Family Services (youthful offenders only).
  - B. Protective segregation.
  - C. Youthful offender program.
  - D. An institution or facility designated for young adult offenders.
  - E. General population in a conventional institution or facility.
  - F. Administrative Segregation.
4. The classification committee shall, to the extent possible, designate the assignment of youthful and young adult offenders based on their educational, training, treatment, and protection needs.
5. Youthful offenders shall be housed in a unit designated by the Director and in accordance with Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Regulations.
6. Youthful offenders shall not be housed in a specialized unit for youthful offenders if they are violent or predatory, and pose an undue risk of harm to others within the specialized unit; and/or a qualified medical or mental-health specialist documents that the offender would benefit from placement outside of a youthful offender unit.

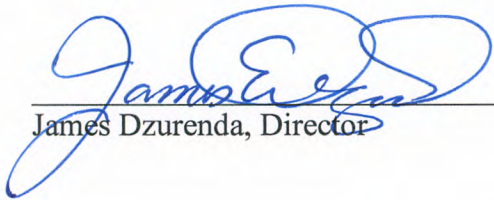
**502.02 CLASSIFICATION APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

1. The Director, Deputy Director of Programs or the Offender Management Administrator (OMA) must approve the initial classification, and transfers between or custody changes within institutions for a youthful offender.
2. Young adult offenders are approved for classification according to the general classification guidelines provided in the 500 series of the Administrative Regulations.

**REFERENCES:** ACA 4<sup>th</sup> Edition 4-4307 – 4-4312

**APPLICABILITY**

1. This Administrative Regulation requires an Operational Procedure within the Offender Management Division and one operational procedure, approved by the Director of Operations that is applied consistently at each institution and facility.
2. This Administrative Regulation requires an audit.

  
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James Dzurenda, Director

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