

**Title 20. Public Health and Welfare**

**Chapter XIV. Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Department of Human Services**

**Subchapter A. Generally**

**Part 533. Parent Groups**

**Codification Notes.** This part as promulgated prior to codification into the Code of Arkansas Rules provided as follows: "Policy No. 1012"

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**Subpart 1. Generally**

**20 CAR § 533-101. Purpose.**

This part establishes agency posture regarding parent groups at Arkansas human development centers.

**Authority.** Arkansas Code §§ 20-48-205, 20-48-210.

**20 CAR § 533-102. Scope.**

This part is directed to all:

- (1) Individuals receiving services at HDCs and their families;

- (2) Division of Developmental Disabilities Services employees; and
- (3) Other interested persons.

**Authority.** Arkansas Code §§ 20-48-205, 20-48-210.

**Codification Notes.** "HDC" means human development center.

**20 CAR § 533-103. Criteria.**

(a) The administration of each human development center shall encourage parents/families/guardians to become involved with the individual receiving services by facilitating the formation of a parents' organization.

(b) The superintendent/designee will assist in the activities of the parent organization to help ensure open communications/dialogue between administration and the parent group.

(c) The superintendent/designee/staff may attend parent meetings at their discretion.

**Authority.** Arkansas Code §§ 20-48-205, 20-48-210.

**20 CAR § 533-104. Guidelines.**

(a) Agency personnel may be actively involved with the parent group if so requested:

- (1) In an advisory capacity;
- (2) To provide assistance in program development; and
- (3) To provide support for participation and regular meetings.

(b) Agency personnel are prohibited from serving as officers in the parent group.

(c) Parent groups are to be permitted to use agency facilities to conduct meetings, when space is available, if it is authorized by the superintendent and does not interfere with operations and/or direct services.

(d) Upon request, mailings of the parent group may be included in regular mailings of the HDC to parents and interested persons.

(e) Agency personnel may provide clerical assistance to the parent group as determined by the superintendent and if does not interfere with direct services.

**Authority.** Arkansas Code §§ 20-48-205, 20-48-210.

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