

TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
DIVISION 5: JUVENILE JUSTICE

§ 5102. Principles.

The Juvenile Justice System shall operate within the framework of the following principles:

(a) Provide humane, disciplined confinement to all detained juveniles.

(b) Strengthen opportunities for the juvenile's development of competency and life skills by expanding the juvenile's access to applicable programs and community resources.

(c) Hold the juvenile accountable for his or her delinquent behavior through such means as victim restitution, community service programs and payment, as appropriate, of detention and treatment costs.

(d) Invoke the participation of the juvenile offender's parent or legal guardian in assisting the juvenile to recognize and accept responsibility for his or her delinquent or other antisocial behavior and hold the parent or legal guardian accountable, where appropriate, through the payment of supervision, detention and treatment costs and restitution to victims and through attendance at programs for the development of positive parenting skills designed to promote a functional relationship between the juvenile and his or her family.

(e) Provide for the appointment and supervision of guardians ad litem in appropriate cases.

(f) Reserve secure detention as a custody setting for juvenile offenders who pose a danger of serious bodily or material harm to others or who have engaged in a pattern of serious offenses, and who cannot be controlled in a less secure setting.

Source: PL 16-47, § 3(b), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission created the title of this section.