



George Junior Republic

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PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

This parent information guide is designed to assist families of youth who are in placement at George Junior Republic in Pennsylvania. We have tried to address many of the important questions that parents have once their child has been placed. We realize that this can be a very difficult time for the youth and their families and we will do everything possible to make this transition a pleasant experience. We strive to keep the families as informed as possible regarding a youth's adjustment and progress. Feel open to offer ideas or suggestions that may be helpful to you or your child while in placement.

Please take your time and review this Parent Information Guide. It should address many of the questions you have. Should you have additional questions or require more information, please contact the staff working with your son at 724-458-9330.

OVERVIEW

George Junior Republic has a variety of specialized programs which include Intensive Supervision, Special Needs, General Residential, 90 Day Residential, Inpatient Non-Hospital Rehabilitation Drug and Alcohol, Diagnostic and Community Based Group Homes. Within 30 days of arrival, both treatment and educational plans are designed specifically for each resident's needs and are implemented within the structure of our five level behavior modification system. The treatment team will address each resident's specific developmental, legal, social and educational problems.

YOUR SON'S FIRST 30 DAYS

If a youth is admitted into the General Residential or Drug and Alcohol Programs, he will begin his stay in the orientation component of the program. The purpose of this 30 day orientation is to initiate the therapeutic process and familiarize your son with the motivational system and structure of George Junior Republic's programming. Upon completion of the orientation process, your son will transfer to a home on campus. You will be notified of this change and be given the names of your son's new treatment team members.

Youth admitted into the Intensive Supervision, Special Needs or Diagnostic Programs do not enter orientation, but rather begin their stay within their assigned Intensive Supervision, Special Needs or Diagnostic Units. Upon admission, you will receive information regarding your son's assigned unit and treatment team members.

For all programs, you and your son's referring agency will be invited to an initial treatment team meeting within the first 30 days for the purpose of discussing your son's goals and progress. Although we realize many families must travel a great distance to our campus, your participation is requested. If you are unable to be present, you may make arrangements to participate by telephone.

WHAT IS A TREATMENT TEAM?

The treatment team consists of a collaborative group of specialized persons who work directly with your son and in his best interest. The team meets weekly to develop, implement, and review the treatment modalities which are individualized for your son.

- In the General Residential, 90 Day, and Drug and Alcohol programs, the treatment team consists of Counselor Parents, who are live in married couples, the social worker who provides individual counseling, and the Campus Director who supervises the team. The psychiatrist and/or psychologist will consult with the treatment team when necessary.
- In the Intensive Supervision, Special Needs, and Diagnostic programs, the team consists of Clinical Managers and Aides who oversee the daily management of the unit, the Treatment Team Coordinator who supervises the unit and provides individual counseling, and the Campus Director who supervises the team. The psychiatrist and/or psychologist will consult with the treatment team when necessary.

Periodically, you and your son's referring agency will be invited to attend treatment reviews to discuss treatment progress. If you are unable to be present, you may make arrangements to participate by phone.

WHAT IS THE MOTIVATIONAL SYSTEM?

The motivational system is designed to assist a youth in developing internal controls and accept and understand responsibility for his behavior. The George Junior Republic Motivational System is a 4 level system. By earning positive points, a youth will move upward through the levels, which shows a youth is demonstrating responsibility and maturity. Privileges are earned based upon the number of positive points acquired in a day. Advancing to higher levels of the motivational system is required for George Junior Republic to recommend your son's discharge. In addition, your son is required to display an understanding of the three basic skills:

- Following instructions.
- Accepting “no” for an answer.
- Accepting criticism.

Daily practice of these skills will assist your son in positive adjustment into his home community. Changing one’s behavior is not always easy and as a result, you may notice that your son begins experiencing difficulty. Therefore, it is critical for your son to have his family’s support while in placement and throughout his progress in the motivational system.

TRANSFERS

Our goal is to have youth function successfully in the most appropriate level of care. As your son progresses through our program, he may become eligible to transfer to different levels of care on the campus. This shows that he is making progress addressing his goals. Transfers will also afford your son the ability to step down in our system to a less structured environment with more opportunities, more privileges and a greater responsibility for his own behavior.

Parents will be kept informed of their son’s progress within our system and notified of any changes or transfers through regular contact by our treatment staff.

HOW OFTEN CAN MY SON COME HOME FOR A VISIT?

It is important for each youth to show progress in the home and community settings. Home visits are very useful in measuring this progress. If your son has the opportunity for a home visit he may be home for several days at a time. Home passes must be recommended by George Junior Republic and approved by the placing agency. Youth placed in care by court order must have the permission of the court or court representative for home passes.

In order to be eligible for a home visit, your son must maintain a positive adjustment and emotional stability within the program. When a home pass is scheduled the treatment team working with your son will inform you of the vacations and travel arrangements. Your son will come home with goals for the home pass and a home note for your comments. It is important for your son to follow the rules set by his counselors, parents or guardians, placing agency and community.

George Junior Republic has set dates for 6 home passes per year. These home passes are scheduled around the school schedule and are February Winter Break, Easter, June Summer Break, August Summer Break,

Thanksgiving and Christmas. However, each placing agency may have certain restrictions or schedules for home passes.

Intensive Supervision and Diagnostic Program youth are not scheduled for home visits except for an emergency. Youth in the 90 Day Program may be eligible for one scheduled home visit prior to discharge.

Please note: Only clothing items are permitted upon a youth's Home Pass return. Any non-clothing items will be confiscated or discarded.

DISCHARGE CRITERIA

In order to complete George Junior Republic's Program (not including those in the Diagnostic Program) and earn a recommendation to be discharged, your son will be expected to address the following areas:

1. Maintain progress within the motivational system.
2. Maintain educational and vocational progress.
3. Address treatment goals in counseling.
4. Earn step-down transfers within the program if applicable.
5. Complete successful home visits prior to discharge.

Additional treatment issues may be addressed by the Treatment Team and your support in these areas is critical. At each review hearing, George Junior Republic will make recommendations to the Court. A court's decision is regarded as final.

CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS

It is our hope that your son will arrive on campus with the adequate amount and type of clothing. However, often due to circumstances beyond our control, this does not always occur. It is preferable to send items that are in good condition. Please do not send expensive clothing or anything that may have inappropriate print or pictures displayed on the garment. Basic hygiene products are permitted. Prohibited items include alcohol based items (i.e. cologne and mouth wash), items in aerosol propelled cans and electronic devices.

We ask that you consult your son's staff if you have any questions or concerns regarding acceptable items. Keep in mind George Junior Republic is not responsible for any items your son may have in the unit. All items brought into the unit must be given to the Cottage or Unit staff for inspection prior to being used.

RECOMMENDED CLOTHING LIST

TROUSERS

- 1 pair dress slacks (ie. Khakis, Dockers)
- 4 pair jeans
- 2 pair shorts

SHIRTS

- 5 casual shirts such as button downs, polo style, pocket t-shirts, design t-shirts

UNDERCLOTHING

- 6 pair underwear
- 6 undershirts

SOCKS

- 6 pair socks

SHOES

- 2 pair tennis shoes
- 1 pair boots

OUTDOOR WEAR

- 1 light jacket or hooded sweatshirt
- 2 sweatshirts
- Seasonal:
 - 1 winter hat
 - 1 winter coat
 - 1 pair winter gloves

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VISITATION POLICY

George Junior Republic encourages parents/guardians to visit their son while he is in placement. Shortly after your son's admission, you will receive a request form for visitors that you approve. In order to protect your son, only visitors approved by you and the placing agency will be permitted to visit. Please allow 2 weeks after admission before scheduling your first visit. It is requested that the parents/guardians phone the Social Worker or Treatment Team Coordinator before scheduling transportation and hotel accommodations to ensure that your son will be available for the visit.

1. Visitation hours are from 9:00am–5:00pm every Saturday and Sunday.
 - a. Due to the limited space in the Intensive Supervision Unit(s), visitation is limited to either Saturday OR Sunday and can only occur within the unit.
 - b. Youth in Intensive Supervision, Special Needs, and Diagnostic programs, will have visits within the unit which will also be supervised by staff.
 - c. Please keep in mind that if your son is on restriction, visitation may be limited.
 - d. Any special requests for visits or visits outside normal visitation hours should be made in advance with the Campus Director.
2. Only immediate family members are permitted to visit youth (parents, grandparents, guardians and siblings). Extended family members may visit with approval from the guardian of the youth. Friends and girlfriends are not permitted to visit. No more than four adult family members, 21 years of age or older, are permitted to visit at one time. Siblings must be supervised by a guardian at all times.
3. Visitors are required to check in at the Visitation Center upon arrival and departure. Upon entering the visitation center, at least one family member will be asked to provide identification. You will also be required to provide your vehicle registration and the make, model, and license plate of the vehicle you are driving. Please remember that handicap parking is reserved for those with handicap passes. Also, please observe and obey the authorized visitation areas.
 - a. For General Residential and Drug and Alcohol program youth, the receptionist will call your son's home and have your son come to the visitor's center.
 - b. For those in Intensive Supervision, Special Needs, or Diagnostic Programs, parents will be directed to the Unit.
4. Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are prohibited. Visitors who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave George Junior Republic.
5. Visitors are asked to obey the no-smoking policy in all campus buildings.
6. Please remember that youth are not permitted the following during visitation:

- a. To be given haircuts in the Visitation Center.
 - b. To use cell phones.
 - c. To have or use tobacco related products, or controlled substances.
 - d. To have pets on campus.
 - e. To drive any motorized vehicle.
 - f. To be in a vehicle without permission from a Campus Director.
7. Youth may walk around with visitors under the supervision of an adult.
 8. Please leave any money for a youth with the visitation receptionist or your son's staff. A receipt will be issued for these funds.
 9. Cottage staff must be present for visitors to attend any on campus scheduled activity. For your own safety, visitors are not permitted to participate in any activity.
 10. You will be asked to sign a copy of the Visitation Policy prior to each visit.

Please keep in mind that due to the high level of security in the Intensive Supervision Unit, there may be additional restrictions regarding this visitation policy.

Violations of the visitation policy may result in restricted future visits.

OFF CAMPUS VISITS

Off campus visits are only for youth in the General Residential, 90 Day, Drug and Alcohol, and Special Needs programs. No off campus visits will be permitted for Intensive Supervision or Diagnostic youth. Off campus visits can only occur after a youth has been at George Junior Republic for 30 days and is dependent upon your son's behavioral stability and individual program guidelines. For Special Needs youth, Level II must be obtained on the Behavior Modification System. At times a youth may be restricted from an off campus visit due to safety or security reasons. When taking your son for an off campus visit, parents are expected to provide supervision at all times.

While on your off campus visit, we ask that the following policy be observed:

1. All on campus rules apply during off campus visits.
2. Youth are not permitted to drive vehicles during an off campus visit.
3. Parents or guardians must remain within a 25 mile radius of George Junior Republic.

4. A youth who lives within 25 miles of George Junior Republic is not permitted to go into his home community.
5. Youth are not permitted in Grove City Memorial Park.
6. If youth is delayed in coming back from the visit, call the receptionist at 724-458-9330.

YOUTH'S TELEPHONE CALLS

George Junior Republic's policy on youth's telephone calls is as follows:

1. Youth are only permitted to make outgoing calls with the supervision of a staff member. At no time are youth permitted cell phones.
2. Youth are permitted one phone call per week to parents and/or guardians only.
3. Youth may sign up for phone calls in advance. Please discuss your schedule with your son so that he may plan phone calls accordingly.
4. Youth may not receive incoming calls. However, you may call staff for information regarding your son.
5. Any variation of the above guidelines must be cleared in advance with the Campus Director.

MAIL

Your son has the right to receive and send mail unless otherwise restricted by Court Order. All incoming mail may be monitored for contraband. Please make sure you use your son's first and last name and the following address:

Mailing Address:

George Junior Republic

*Place your son's first and last name here

P.O. Box 1058

233 George Junior Road

Grove City, PA 16127

* Please make sure you clearly write your son's first and last name in the address.

EDUCATION

George Junior Republic has both an academic and a vocational / technical school on campus. These schools are fully licensed and accredited and are a part of the Grove City Area School District. All credits earned

while attending school at George Junior Republic are transferable to the student's home school. All students are placed in their appropriate grade based upon prior school records and comprehensive educational testing. George Junior Republic offers education at the elementary, junior and senior high levels. Additional programs offered at the school include special education, learning support, remedial math and reading, and formal GED preparation and testing.

All teachers are employed by the Grove City Area School District and are certified by the State of Pennsylvania. The curriculum conforms to state standards. The school day includes studies in Reading, English, Math, Social Studies, Science, Art, Physical Education, Library, and Computer Science.

All General Residential, 90 day and Drug and Alcohol program youth will attend the on grounds-school while those in the Intensive Supervision, Special Needs, and Diagnostic Programs utilize, self-contained, individualized classrooms within the unit. Youth in Off Campus Programing attend Public School within the community the home is located.

MEDICAL NEEDS

George Junior Republic offers comprehensive medical care for your son while he is in placement. The nursing staff works with a variety of consulting physicians in order to ensure total care for your son. Emergency medical services are provided by Grove City Medical Center, located a short distance from our campus.

Each youth will have a written health and safety assessment within 24 hours of admission; a health examination within one week after admissions and annually thereafter or more frequently if specified at special ages; a dental examination and teeth cleaning at least annually while in placement; a hearing screening and a full vision screening will be completed within 30 days of admission.

Parents or guardians are required to sign a general medical consent for the provision of routine health care. In the event non-routine treatment is required, a separate, specific consent form from the youth's parent or guardian or an order from the court is necessary. Consent for emergency medical care or treatment is not required. If a youth needs emergency medical care or treatment, medical personnel do not need consent to provide treatment in life threatening conditions. In any emergency, every effort is made to immediately contact the youth's family.

INSURANCE

Your son may be eligible for medical insurance or other benefits as provided by The Department of Human Services or other insurance or benefit groups. George Junior Republic will maintain this information throughout your son's placement. Questions regarding these benefits should be directed to your son's probation officer, caseworker or mental health case manager.

FINANCE

Your son is permitted to have money sent to him from family members. Large sums of money are not permitted and at no time is money to be given directly to your son. All money received will be placed into your son's student account which is set up at the local bank by George Junior Republic with your son's name on the account. This money may be withdrawn from this account upon request; however, approval by the staff is required.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

George Junior Republic is a member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and competes in a variety of sports at the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Junior High levels. We offer several varsity sports and youth participate in local and regional contests. We also offer regularly scheduled activities and a wide variety of intramural sports. Off campus activities, which include an array of different trips, may be scheduled by individual group homes.

RELIGION

George Junior Republic recognizes that spirituality has played an important role in the lives of many of our residents prior to their placement. A number of non-denominational religious activities are available to your son on a voluntary basis. Church services are conducted in our chapel every Sunday and are open to all youth. Grove City College students involved in the New Life Program provide games, refreshments, and informal Bible study on a weekly basis throughout the school year. Our campus chaplain is available for spiritual counseling and visitation upon request. Please feel free to provide your son with written spiritual material but understand that his use of this material and his participation in religious activities must remain his choice while in placement.

CRISIS INTERVENTION UNIT

The Crisis Intervention Unit offers temporary time out for youth whose behavior becomes significantly disruptive or who may have certain needs which cannot be addressed within the context of our regular treatment program. At the discretion of the Campus Director, visits for youth may be required to take place in the Crisis Intervention Unit and will be supervised by staff.

NO SMOKING POLICY

Pennsylvania State Law #6505 regarding the sale of tobacco is as follows: Section 6305. Sale of tobacco.

(a) **Offense Defined.** A person is guilty of a summary offense if he:

1. Sells tobacco, in any form, to any minor under the age of 18 years;
2. By purchase, gift or other means, furnishes tobacco, in any form, to a minor under the age of 18 years; or
3. Knowingly and falsely represents himself to be 18 years of age or older to another for the purpose of procuring or having furnished to him tobacco in any form.

(b) **Penalty.** A person who violates this section shall, upon conviction be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$25.00 for a first offense and not more than \$100.00 for a subsequent offense.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately. Approved: February 14,1990. In accordance with this law, George Junior Republic has a no tobacco policy for youth in placement. Residents will not be able to smoke or use tobacco products of any kind. Staff members are not permitted to purchase tobacco for youth while in placement, and we strongly encourage each parent or guardian to do the same.

Youth caught with tobacco products will be disciplined.

CHILD RIGHTS

A youth and the youth's family have the right to lodge a grievance/ compliant with the facility for an alleged violation of specific or civil rights and/or their behavioral health treatment plan (if applicable).

By law (Children in Foster Care Act of 2010), children in placement have the following rights:

1. You have the right to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

2. You may not be discriminated upon due to race, color, religious creed, disability, handicap, ancestry, sexual orientation, national origin, limited English proficiency, age or sex. These issues have no bearing on the quality of services recommended or provided to you. You have the right not to be deprived of any civil, legal or human rights due to a mental health/mental retardation diagnosis.
3. You have the right as a minor to not be physically or emotionally abused, mistreated, unreasonably restrained, threatened, and harassed or subject to corporal punishment. It is the policy if GJR to turn all allegations of abuse into the Child Registry Hotline of the Department of Human Services. Allegations of abuse will be investigated by the Department of Human Services Office of Children, Youth and Family Services. You may not be subject to unusual or extreme methods of discipline, which may cause psychological or physical harm to you.
4. You have a right to be informed of the rules of the facility/program.
5. You have the right to be given enough food and food of good quality.
6. You have the right to clothing that is clean, seasonal, and age and gender appropriate.
7. You have the right to appropriate medical, dental, vision and behavioral health treatment. You have the right to agree to medical and mental health treatment including medication.
8. You have the right to take part in developing your Individualized Service Plan which includes medical, drug and alcohol and/or mental health treatment if applicable. You have a right to a copy of your Individualized Service Plan.
9. You have the right to receive and send mail. Outgoing mail shall not be opened or read by staff persons. Incoming mail from federal, state or county officials, or from your attorney, shall not be opened or read by staff persons. Incoming mail from persons shall not be opened or read by staff persons unless there is a reasonable suspicion that contraband or other information or material that may jeopardize your health or safety may be enclosed, mail may be opened by you in the presence of a staff person.
10. You have the right to visit your parents at least every other week unless prohibited or restricted by court order.
11. You have the right to have contact with your family.
12. You have the right to have all the contact information for your guardian ad litem, attorney, court-appointed special advocate, and members of your planning team. You have the right to communicate and visit privately with your attorney.

13. You have a right to communicate with others by telephone to a reasonable policy and written instructions from your contracting agency or court, if applicable, regarding circumstances, frequency, time, payment and privacy.
14. You have the right to be in a place that maintains your culture as reasonably accommodated.
15. You have the right to attend school and be able to take part in extracurricular, cultural, and personal enrichment activities.
16. You have the right to have the opportunity to work and develop job skills at an age appropriate level which may be reasonably accommodated.
17. You have the right to get life skills training and independent living services.
18. You have the right to be protected from unreasonable search and seizure. The facility may conduct search and seizure procedures, subject to reasonable facility policy.
19. You have a right to confidentiality and release of information with informed, written consent except as required by legal authority.
20. You have the right to get notices of court hearings from your placing agency or county court house for your case, and have the ability to attend the hearing.
21. You have the right to practice a religion or faith of your choice, provided it is a bonafide religion; or not to practice any religion or faith. You have the right to communicate and visit with your clergy in private.
22. You have the right to receive the agency's grievance policy and to have your rights and the grievance policy explained to you in a way that you understand. You have the right to lodge a grievance with the facility for an alleged violation of a specific client or civil right(s) or a complaint regarding your behavioral health treatment plan without fear of retaliation.
23. You have the right to exercise parental and decision-making authority for your child (if you are a parent).
24. Your rights may not be used as a reward or sanction.
25. You have a right not to participate in research projects.

While GJR supports the following child rights for dependent and/or dependent/delinquent youth*, they are outside of GJR's jurisdiction to enforce, therefore you must file a grievance with your placing agency should you believe one of more of these rights has been violated. If you need assistance in completing a grievance form to your placing agency your GJR social worker can help you.

26. You have the right to live in the most family-like setting that meets your needs.
27. You have the right to be placed with your kin and relatives if possible.
28. You have the right to be placed with families that have supported you before if possible.
29. You have the right to be placed with your siblings, or visit with them at least every other week as arranged by your placing agency. GJR will make available to you contacts by phone with your siblings per the placing agency's family service plan or written permission.
30. You have the right to be able to stay in the same school when you change placements.
31. You have the right to a permanency plan that you helped create and that you can review.
32. You have the right to get notice that you can ask to stay in care after you turn 18.

*Child Rights 26 through 32 does not apply to delinquent youth.

Program services shall be made available to individuals with disabilities through the most procedural and economically feasible methods possible.

If you are a youth in a GJR residential program and feel your rights have been violated, you have access to staff with more authority. You may file a grievance without fear of retaliation and the grievance will not affect your treatment goals, plans for transfer or discharge, or the services you are provided during your treatment at George Junior Republic. If you need help completing a grievance form, your social worker or direct care staff will assist you.

YOUTH GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

If you you feel that your rights have been violated and/or you have an objection to your behavioral health treatment plan, you do have access to staff with more authority. You cannot be punished for filing a grievance or complaint. The chain of command for filing a grievance or complaint is as follows:

1. If a problem, question, issue or situation arises regarding your care, it should first be discussed with one of the Counselor Parents or direct care staff. If the problem is not resolved within five working days, you may go to the next step of the chain of command. In the event the concern or problem compromises your own personal

safety, immediate notification will be made to a Campus Director to enact a safety plan if warranted.

2. If a problem, question, issue or situation arises regarding your care and it cannot be satisfactorily resolved with your Counselor Parents or direct care staff, it should then be discussed with your Therapist. This is the person responsible for your formal counseling. The Therapist and the Counselor Parents will address most of your concerns. The Therapist will meet with you and review your concerns. A GJR Client Grievance Form will be completed by you at this time if not already completed. If the problem is not resolved within five working days, you may go to the next step of the chain of command.
3. If a problem, question, issue or situation arises regarding your care and cannot satisfactorily be resolved with your Therapist, it should then be discussed with your Campus Director. The Campus Director is an administrative staff person and the direct supervisor of the staff working with you. A meeting will be scheduled with you and your Campus Director to adequately address your concerns.
4. If a problem, question, issue or situation arises regarding your care and it cannot be resolved by your Campus Director, it should then be discussed with George Junior Republic's Chief Operating Officer. A meeting will be scheduled with you and the Chief Operating Officer to adequately address your concerns.
5. If you choose to appeal beyond GJR, a meeting will be held with you and the Chief Operating Officer, your Campus Director and your placing agency within ten days. This meeting may include teleconferencing for parties not able to travel to GJR.

During the grievance process you may request a parent or legal guardian's participation at any of the aforementioned proceedings. You may also contact your placing agency in writing to provide them with a copy of your grievance form.

FAMILY GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Each child and parent or guardian has the right to lodge grievances without the fear of retaliation. The Family Grievance Procedure at George Junior Republic is as follows.

1. If a problem, question, issue or situation arises regarding the youth's care or treatment, it should first be handled with the youth's Counselor Parents or Clinical Managers.

2. If a problem, question, issue or situation arises regarding the youth's care or treatment and cannot be satisfactorily resolved with the youth's Counselor Parents or Clinical Manager, it should then be discussed with the youth's Therapist or Treatment Team Coordinator.
3. If a problem, question, issue or situation arises regarding the youth's care or treatment that cannot be satisfactorily resolved with the youth's Therapist or Treatment Team Coordinator, it should then be discussed with youth's Campus Director. The Campus Director is an administrative staff person and the direct supervisor of the staff working with your son.
4. If a problem, question, issue or situation arises regarding the youth's care or treatment and cannot be satisfactorily resolved with the youth's Campus Director, it should then be discussed with George Junior Republic's Chief Operating Officer. The Chief Operating Officer is the immediate supervisor of all Campus Directors and treatment staff.
5. If a problem, question, issue or situation arises regarding the youth's care or treatment and cannot be satisfactorily resolved with George Junior Republic's Chief Operating Officer, it should then be discussed with George Junior Republic's Chief Executive Officer.

SOURCES OF PARENT ADVOCACY/ SUPPORT/EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

Parental support, advocacy, educational groups and information resources are available to you in your local communities. Your son's caseworker, juvenile probation officer or mental health case manager can provide you with phone numbers of the groups or informational resources in your area.

NOTES:

DIRECTIONS TO **GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC**

EAST AND WEST: For those traveling Interstate 80, exit at the Grove City/Sandy Lake exit, #24. Follow Route 173 South towards Grove City for approximately .50 miles. Turn right onto George Junior Road. At the traffic light make a right onto Route 58 for .25 miles. The entrance to the visitation center is on the right following the white fence.

PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE: For those traveling the PA turnpike, exit at the Perry Highway/Cranberry exit, #28. Follow signs for Interstate 79 North. Once on 79 North, follow directions for those traveling North and South.

NORTH AND SOUTH: For those traveling on Interstate 79, exit at the Grove City exit, #113. Follow Route 208 east 1.5 miles. Turn left onto George Junior Republic (near Katie's Korner). At the first light make a left onto Route 58 for .25 miles. The entrance to the visitation center is on the right following the white fence.

Please understand that George Junior Republic is 1.5 hours from Pittsburgh International Airport and the Pittsburgh Greyhound Station. If utilizing a shuttle service, please add an additional 2 hours to your travel to allow appropriate time to arrive at the airport or Greyhound station.

DISTANCE MARKERS

Cleveland, OH	2 hours
Erie, PA	1.0 hours
Harrisburg, PA	4 hours
Morgantown, WV	2.5 hours
Philadelphia, PA	6 hours
Pittsburgh Greyhound	1 hour
Pittsburgh International Airport	1.5 hours

*For further information and / or hotel accommodations,
please refer to our website at*

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