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Sec. 17a-12-1. Right to hearing - mental health placement

Unless ordered by the Juvenile Court at the time of commitment, no child or youth committed to the Commissioner of Children and Families shall be placed in or transferred to a state operated residential mental health facility under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner without a hearing before the Commissioner or his designee.
(Effective February 1, 1994)

Sec. 17a-12-2. Purpose of hearing

The purpose of the hearing shall be to determine whether the child or youth is mentally ill and appropriate for placement in a state operated residential mental health facility under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Children and Families.
(Effective February 1, 1994)

Sec. 17a-12-3. Notice of hearing

Notice of the hearing shall be given, in writing, at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing to the following:

- (a) the child or youth;
- (b) the parent or guardian of the child or youth, if known;
- (c) the hearings officer.

(Effective February 1, 1994)

Sec. 17a-12-4. Hearing procedure

The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Sections 4-177 to 4-181, inclusive, of the General Statutes.

(Effective February 1, 1994)

Sec. 17a-12-5. Decision of hearings officer

The hearings officer shall prepare a written decision within fifteen (15) days of the date of the hearing and mail or deliver a copy of said decision to the following:

- (a) the child or youth;
- (b) the parent or guardian of the child or youth, if known;
- (c) the child's or youth's attorney, if any.

(Effective February 1, 1994)

Sec. 17a-12-6. Emergency procedures

Notwithstanding the above provisions of Sections 17a-12-1 through 17a-12-5, the Commissioner of Children and Families may transfer any child or youth committed to him to any institution, hospital or facility for mentally ill children under his jurisdiction for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) days if the need for such emergency treatment is certified by a psychiatrist licensed to practice medicine by the State of Connecticut.

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