

Community Supervision Standards Kansas Department of Corrections- Division of Juvenile Services State of Kansas	CHAPTER: SUPERVISION	STANDARD NO. CSS-04-140
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STANDARD: Written policy, procedure and practice shall require any Community Supervision Agencies utilizing the Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) curriculum to follow the requirements below:

Group Composition and General Requirements:

- All youth (pre- and post-adjudicated) must be at least twelve (12) years old and have the cognitive ability to participate in group.
- A MRT group requires a minimum of four (4) youth and no more than twelve (12). Six (6) to eight (8) members are recommended.
- MRT shall not be facilitated one-to-one (i.e. one facilitator and one youth) for steps 1-12.
- Under no circumstances shall a low risk youth be admitted into a MRT group.
- Pre- and post-adjudicated youth cannot be in the same group.
- MRT groups should be gender specific (i.e. only male or female). If facilitating a mixed gender group, then two facilitators are required.
- It is recommended that sex offenders attend a sex offender specific MRT group. If a sex offender specific group is not possible, the facilitator shall not allow the disclosure of any information regarding the sex crime as a part of MRT (i.e. drawings, discussions, homework, exercises, etc.)
- Pre-adjudicated youth shall not disclose any information regarding the alleged offense.
- It is recommended that batterers and victims shall be in separate groups.

Recruitment and Referral Process:

- Each judicial district shall create a standardized referral form that is to be maintained in each youth's file. Referral forms shall be submitted to the Kansas Department of Corrections – Juvenile Services (KDOC-JS) upon request.
- Consider treatment overload when reviewing referrals for new youth (i.e. already participating in multiple treatment modalities including, but not limited to, ART, T4C, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, sex offender treatment).
- Prior to beginning group, it is best practice to meet with each youth to discuss the purpose of the group. Ask each youth to review the first twelve (12) pages of the workbook prior to group starting.

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Facilitation Process:

- The frequency of MRT shall be no more than twice per week for a minimum duration of forty-five (45) to a maximum duration of sixty (60) minutes.
- Another certified facilitator may cover a group in the absence of the regularly scheduled facilitator but must adhere to the same group rules that were agreed upon at the beginning of the group.

Group Process: To successfully pass a step, the following criteria must be met:

- Youth shall not draw nude pictures.
- Words are only permitted as a part of homework when they enhance the drawing but cannot be used in place of drawing.
- No blank spaces shall be permitted.
- Youth shall stand when giving testimony.
- Goals and objectives shall be written in ways that are specific, detailed, and obtainable.
- Group rules shall, at a minimum, address the following: food/drinks, tardiness, absences, cursing, cell phones, and confidentiality
- When there are youth at varying steps within the MRT curriculum, the facilitator shall begin with the lowest step and then advance numerically until all youth have presented the homework associated with their step.

Removal from Group: Each judicial district shall create a standardized discharge form that documents the reason(s) for removal from group in addition to any remedial steps that were taken to address those areas of concern. All discharge forms are to be maintained in each youth's file. Discharge forms shall be submitted to KDOC-JS upon request.

Televideo: Facilitation of MRT groups shall only be permitted when conducted via a secure, HIPAA compliant technology (i.e. doxy.me or Polycom). Use of non-HIPAA compliant technology is strictly prohibited (i.e. SKYPE). Groups being conducted via televideo require one certified trainer to be in each group location. For example, if the group participants are in three separate locations, a certified facilitator is to be in each location.

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STANDARD (cont.):

Youth shall not receive program hours, pursuant to Standard 04-103, for the public service hours that are required for steps 6 and 9 as these hours must be for someone where the youth clearly gets nothing in return (except for credit for the time to successfully complete the associated steps).

Before a program extension is requested, the completion of steps three (3), six (6), and twelve (12) shall be considered as the completion of each of these steps is considered a milestone per the MRT curriculum.

DISCUSSION: Any exception to any part of this standard shall be requested in writing to KDOC-JS.

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