I. Our Mission: Partnering to Promote Safety and Responsibility through Best Practices

II. Our Vision: Transforming Lives for the Safety of All

A. Investing in individuals by providing opportunities to acquire new experiences and skills to support personal and professional advancement and future success.

B. Creating an environment for change and well-being by designing systems that encourage positive behaviors, healthy choices, and self-improvement.

C. Enhancing and maximizing communication by improving interpersonal communication skills and expanding effective communication practices at all levels of the department.

D. Fostering dignity and safety by establishing practices and policies that honor individual differences with mutual dignity and respect, and all feel safe and supported.

E. Engaging and strengthening our partnerships by expanding partnerships with individuals and organizations within our communities to support our mission.

III. Our Beliefs:

A. Our staff is our most influential resource.

B. Everyone has worth and will be treated with dignity and respect through our words and actions.

C. Everyone deserves compassion, empathy and support.

D. Everyone has the potential for future success through effective development and support.

E. Transformative change is accomplished through teamwork and collaboration.

F. Trust, honesty and transparency are essential to our success.

G. Inclusive practices, acceptance and diversity are the foundation of our mission.
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REPORTS

None.

REFERENCES

None.

HISTORY

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ATTACHMENTS

None.