

Chapter:	Service Delivery		
Title:	School Attendance - Shelter		
Policy: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Procedure: <input type="checkbox"/>	Review Cycle: Triennial Author: Director Res Srvc	Adopted Date: 08.2020 Review Date: 03.2024	Related Policies: Client Rights and Responsibilities Mandatory Reporting Abuse Neglect & Exploitation

Purpose:

Hopeful Horizons (HH) supports that all minor children should participate in school as required by law. This policy is established to ensure shelter residents remain in compliance with South Carolina law with respect to their minor children attending school.

Scope:

This policy applies to:

- All HH Staff
- Selected HH Staff, as specified: Shelter Staff
- HH Board Members
- HH Volunteers
- Other: Shelter residents

Policy:

Shelter residents with minor children shall ensure their regular attendance in school as required by law. Current shelter residents are required to accompany their minor children to and from school and must always enter and leave with their children for any extracurricular activities.

Shelter residents shall be advised of this policy as part of program orientation. They shall be informed that any failure to ensure compliance with school attendance is a violation of state law and can result in required reporting for child neglect in accordance with HHs' [Mandatory Reporting: Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Children and Vulnerable Adults](#).

Communication and Training:

The Board shall receive a copy of the policy at the time of periodic review and will have an opportunity to ask clarifying questions during the approval process. Employees and volunteers shall receive notice of the Board's policy review and approval including notice of any substantive changes. The notice will provide a link to the policy located on the HH website.

Residents of the shelter shall receive notice and information about this policy during program orientation.

Definitions:

NA

Other Related Materials:

[Reporting Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Procedure](#)

References/Legal Authority:

[Attendance of Pupils – Compulsory Attendance, SC Code of Laws, Section 59.65.20, 2024.](#)

Change Log:

Date of Change	Description of Change	Responsible Party
03.2024	Updates the policy to the new template; adds communication and training, definitions, other related materials and references.	N. Miller Prog. Eval. Consultant in consultation with T. Doctor, Dir. Residential Service and J. Antley, Lead CM