

Clothing Guideline for the Clan of Independence

Youth entering the clan of Independence shall be committed to wearing and caring for their own clothing supplies. A copy of Appendix #2 will be located in the lobby of the facility for parent(s)/guardian(s) to pick up at their convenience. Parent(s)/guardian(s) may bring the clothing items listed below, no more than 7 days prior to transition into Independence. All clothing must be brought in at one time. All clothing must be brought in during the youth/parent visitation time, presented to staff upon entrance to visit. The clothing will be checked by staff as soon as possible but no later than the end of the day; any inappropriate items may result in a contraband write-up, based upon staff discretion, and will be returned to parents upon the next visitation. Youth shall fill out a *Youth Request and Grievance Form* to request the Supervisor or designee to ensure that items are returned to parents. Staff will ensure that clothing are from the appropriate list of items prior to giving the youth the clothing or staff will place items in a youth's personal locker and add the items to the Inventory Item List on their lockers. The following list is a guideline for youth and parents/guardians stating what is acceptable and what is not acceptable:

Youth may have the following clothing items:

- ✓ Up to **10 pairs of socks**.
- ✓ Up to **2 pair of shoes**. One pair of athletic shoes and pair of non-athletic shoes (i.e., dress shoes, loafers or 2 pair of athletic shoes). No boots. No marking soles. Shoe strings will be either white or black, matching the shoe color.
- ✓ Up to **12 underwear**. Girl's underwear must be briefs. No thong-like panties or bikini underwear.
- ✓ Up to **10 shirts**. At least 5 shirts must be T-shirts for gym. Shirts must have sleeves, cap sleeves are not acceptable, no low cut or V-neck shirts - females.
- ✓ Up to **5 shorts**.
- ✓ Up to **3 sweaters or sweatshirts (no leggings or jeggings)**.
- ✓ Up to **7 pants/sweatpants**.
- ✓ Up to **7 bras**. Girls must wear bras at all times. No under wires, metal, plastic, or removable pads.
- ✓ Up to **2 pajamas**. Sweatpants, sweatshirts, shorts and T-shirts may double as sleep-wear for boys and girls. All sleep-wear must be modest and loose-fitting.
- ✓ Up to **1 laundry bag or basket**.
- ✓ Up to **1 blanket**.
- ✓ Up to **1 pair of shower sandals**.
- ✓ Up to **1 coat**. Must be stored in personal locker.

Other Guidelines:

- ✓ No dresses or skirts, pants only.
- ✓ No gang related clothing (i.e., color predominance, color shoe strings).
- ✓ No drug related, sex related or otherwise explicit clothing.
- ✓ No hats, bandanas, or other head covering.
- ✓ No jewelry.
- ✓ No pantyhose or tights.
- ✓ No wash cloths or towels (these are provided by the facility).
- ✓ No bathrobes.
- ✓ No slippers or house shoes.



- ✓ No thermal underwear.
- ✓ No excessively large or tight clothing.
- ✓ No rips, tears, or holes.
- ✓ No sleeveless shirts or cap-sleeved shirts. No tank tops.
- ✓ No underwire bras.

Clothing may be laundered once a week at MVJRC. Laundry will be done as time permits. Detergent will be provided by MVJRC. You will have the opportunity to shave based upon staff discretion and as time permits using MVJRC supplies.

Upon return from a Transition Release, appropriate dress on MVJRC property is expected. Youth may not return with an altered physical appearance, this includes but is not limited to: make-up, nail polish, artificial nails, hair extensions, hair dye, (routine hair cuts are acceptable), piercings, and tattoos. All items entering the facility shall be inspected by staff pursuant to issues of safety and security. Staff shall take possession of all of your belongings upon return. All items will be washed upon return. You will be escorted to your assigned dayroom. You will be immediately strip searched in the shower area. Your clothing items or items not accepted as appropriate brought into MVJRC will be considered contraband. Transition Releases are when youth may make exchange of clothing. No exchanges will be done during youth/parent visitation unless authorized by a Program Supervisor through the Youth Request and Grievance Form.

If need arises MVJRC will provide items needed until a replacement item can be brought in pursuant to the proper procedures for bringing items in. Youth must write a *Youth Request and Grievance Form* to the Program Supervisor for approval of the use of MVJRC items.

Note: Youth going to court for their Release Hearing will need the following: Boys: dress pants and collared shirt. Girls will need skirts or dress pants.