

580-2-20-.05 Infection Control

(1) **Insert Agency name** has developed, will maintain, and document compliance with a written plan for exposure control relative to infectious diseases that shall, at a minimum, include the following requirements:

(a) **Insert Agency name** staff - all staff to include full-time, part-time, contract employees, student interns, volunteers, and recipients/clients.

(b) **Insert Agency name** will follow protocols and guidelines established for infection control in healthcare settings by the Federal Center for Disease Control, and shall at a minimum include:

1. Policies and procedures to mitigate the potential for transmission and spread of infectious diseases within the agency. *You will detail what the CDC says about transmission and spread of infection disease.*

2. All staff shall be trained in infection control. Staff shall be trained prior to working with recipients and annually thereafter. **Insert Agency name** will ensure that all staff as defined above are trained in infection control prior to working with recipients.

3. **Insert Agency name** will conduct risk assessment and screening of recipients reporting high risk behavior and symptoms of communicable disease. *The _____ (position responsible) will ensure the risk assessment and screen of recipient(s) is documented in the recipient's record.*

4. Procedures to be followed for recipients known to have an infectious disease. *Insert Agency name will (you need to put what you will do if you know a recipient has an infectious disease, for example, refer them to health department, FQHC clinic, their primary care physician, agency physician, etc)*

5. **Insert Agency name** will make provisions directly or by referral to all recipients who voluntarily accept the offer for HIV/AIDS early intervention services to include, HIV pre-test and post-test counseling and case management and referral services, as needed, for medical care. *You will need to put here what you will do at your agency - will you provide this or*

who will you refer the recipient to for these services and how will you document and follow-up on this referral.

6. Infection Control training shall be provided as follows:

i. **Mental Illness only:** Residential and Day programs within ten (10) days of admission.

ii. **Substance Use Disorders Only:** All program recipients within ten (10) days of admission and annually thereafter.

7. The entity shall document compliance with all laws and regulations regarding reporting of communicable diseases to the Alabama Department of Public Health.

8. **Substance Use Disorder Only:** A formal process for screening all program admissions for TB. *(What is the formal process for screening all program admissions for TB?)*

9. **Substance Use Disorder Only:** The provision of HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and TB education for all program admissions either provided by the agency or by referral. *(Identify how this will be done - by your agency or by referral - if by referral - who, how and where referral?)*