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**26B-2-124 Congregate care program requirements.**

- (1) As used in this section, "disruption plan" means a child specific plan used:
  - (a) when the private-placement child stops receiving services from a congregate care program;  
and
  - (b) for transporting a private-placement child to a parent or guardian or to another congregate care program.
- (2) A congregate care program shall keep the following for a private-placement child whose parent or guardian lives outside the state:
  - (a) regularly updated contact information for the parent or guardian that lives outside the state;  
and
  - (b) a disruption plan.
- (3) If a private-placement child whose parent or guardian resides outside the state leaves a congregate care program without following the child's disruption plan, the congregate care program shall:
  - (a) notify the parent or guardian, office, and local law enforcement authorities;
  - (b) assist the state in locating the private-placement child; and
  - (c) after the child is located, transport the private-placement child:
    - (i) to a parent or guardian;
    - (ii) back to the congregate care program; or
    - (iii) to another congregate care program.
- (4) This section does not apply to a guardian that is a state or agency.
- (5) The office shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, describing:
  - (a) additional mandatory provisions for a disruption plan; and
  - (b) how a congregate care program shall notify the office when a private-placement child begins receiving services.