

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

NUMBER: 1606

SUBJECT: Inmate Marriages

ACA STANDARDS: None

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I. POLICY

The St. Louis County Department of Justice Services shall not encourage, nor promote marriages during incarceration in the Justice Center, and they will not be permitted unless so ordered by the Court.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

All St. Louis County Department of Justice Services' staff are responsible for the following procedures.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. Inmate marriages shall be allowed only when ordered by the Court.
- B. All requests submitted to the Court pertaining to marital arrangements shall be obtained by private attorney at the inmate's expense.
- C. If the Court orders an inmate to appear for the purpose of marriage, the Transportation Unit will transport the inmate.
- D. Special clothing must also be court ordered, otherwise, Transportation will deliver the inmate in their institutional uniform.
- E. If rings are exchanged, the inmate shall give his/her ring to the spouse at the completion of the ceremony.

- F. In the event two inmates get married, rings will be given to family members. If none present, rings shall be retrieved by Transportation Officer and placed in inmate(s) personal property until release, or until picked up by a family member.