

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 10: Children

Chapter 51: Delinquent, Dependent and Neglected Children

Article I: Dependent and Delinquent Children

§ 1129. Liberal construction of act

Cite as: 10 CNCA § 1129

This title shall be liberally construed, to the end that its purpose may be carried out, to wit:

1. That the care and custody and discipline of the child shall approximate, as nearly as may be, that which should be given by its parents, and that, as far as practicable, any delinquent child shall not be treated as a criminal.
2. That the public policy of this Nation is to assure adequate and appropriate care and treatment for any child, to allow for the use of the least restrictive method of treatment consistent with the treatment needs of the child and, in the case of delinquents, the protection of the public, to provide orderly and reliable procedures for the placement of a child alleged to be a child in need of treatment and to protect the rights of any child placed out of his home pursuant to law.