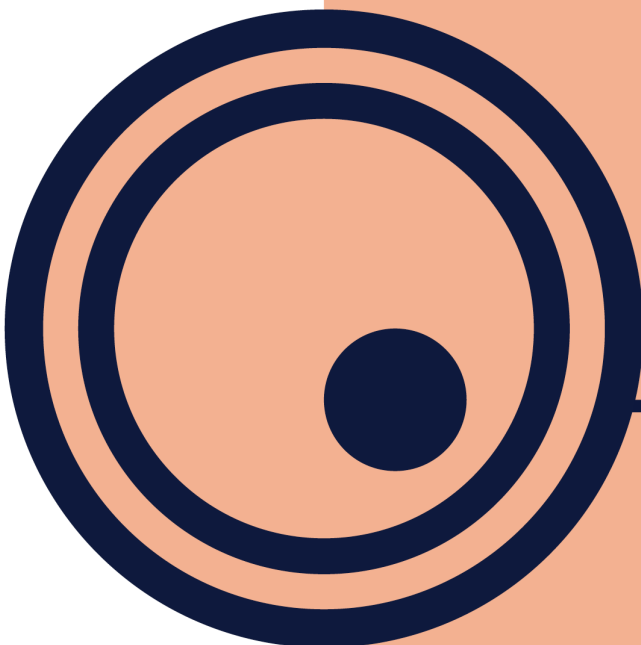# POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL

Non-Profit Organization in Colorado

Residential Child Care Facility / Qualified Residential Treatment Program

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Chapter I: Introduction

Section I.A: Purpose and Scope

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the [COMPANY NAME] Policy and Procedure Manual (the "Manual") is to codify the operations and operational system of the [COMPANY NAME]. The Manual is a mandated guide for all staff members, outlining how we function as an organization to provide superior care and meet best practice standards within residential treatment services for at-risk youth.

1.2 Scope

The Manual covers everything throughout the systems of operation. This includes administrative processes, clinical interventions, resident management, safety protocols, and state/federal regulations that must be met for compliance. The Manual applies to all employees, volunteers, interns, and contractors who work under the umbrella of [COMPANY NAME]. It is important that everyone reading this takes their time to understand its contents so they can stay in line with what's expected of them.

Section I.B: Mission Statement and Vision

1.3 Mission Statement

[COMPANY NAME] Mission Statement

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[COMPANY NAME] Vision

Section I.C: Program Philosophy and Approach

1.5 Philosophy

At [COMPANY NAME], our philosophy is built on our belief that every child has the potential to overcome adversity that they face in life. We run on a trauma-informed care model which acts as a foundation for our treatment philosophy—and is supported by Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and utilizing Perception, Association, Evaluation, Decision (P.A.E.D.) techniques—as we believe these two combined form the centerpiece of our therapeutic approach.

1.6 Trauma-Informed Care (TIC)
1.6.1: TIC Framework

The cornerstone of our TIC framework is that trauma has widespread effects and implications. Our approach is holistic, taking into account that trauma influences the whole experience of a person, their contacts with others, behavior patterns, and perceptions.

1.6.2: TIC Practices

Combining TIC procedures, we endeavor to establish a safe space, both physically and emotionally, to cultivate trust and a feeling of security among the residents. This approach influences all elements of our care, from clinical interventions down to day-to-day interactions.

1.7 Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
1.7.1: CBT Integration

CBT is integrated into our clinical programming to deal with the complex mental health requirements of our residents. The trained therapists implement CBT to help the residents comprehend the dynamic relationship between their thoughts, emotions, and behaviors, thereby encouraging them to make healthy changes.

1.7.2: CBT Techniques

To address many different kinds of psychological problems ranging from mood disorders to behavior patterns, we utilize therapeutic methods such as cognitive restructuring, behavioral activation, or exposure therapy.

1.8 Perception, Association, Evaluation, Decision (P.A.E.D.)
1.8.1: P.A.E.D. Implementation

The P.A.E.D. process is a unique therapeutic tool that allows residents to trace their behaviors back to their perceptions. Through analyzing the process of perception to decision making, residents get an understanding of their behavioral patterns and also acquire strategies to make healthier decisions.

1.8.2: P.A.E.D. Application

Staff is trained in the P.A.E.D. model to ensure its use is uniform across all programs. This model does not only apply in therapeutic sessions but in everyday interactions and it is a pervasive instrument for self-awareness and self-development among our residents.

1.8.3: P.A.E.D. Outcomes

P.A.E.D is created to allow our residents to be in a position of empowering themselves through a reflective process that sees to it that they make better decisions which in turn improve their lives.

Chapter 2: Licensing and Compliance

Section II.A: Colorado State Licensing Requirements

2.1 Licensing Overview

This manual sets out the standards and requirements that [COMPANY NAME] follows to maintain state licensing as a Residential Child Care Facility (RCCF) and Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP). [COMPANY NAME] has adopted a comprehensive system that adheres to the Colorado State Licensing Requirements to offer the youth they serve the highest level of care and protection.

2.2 Facility Licensing
2.2.1: Initial Licensing Process

[COMPANY NAME] undertook a rigorous initial licensing process, which entailed the submission of detailed operational plans, facility inspections, and staff background checks. The intention was to make the environment habitable for the physical, psychological, and emotional welfare of the residents.

2.2.2: Renewal and Monitoring

The facility's license is in effect until renewed at regular intervals, as well as subjected to unscheduled inspections to make sure the facility observes all health, safety, and welfare standards in accordance with the rules set forth by the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS).

2.3 Staff Licensing
2.3.1: Staff Qualifications and Training

All staff members are mandated to qualify for state-mandated qualifications in the areas of education, skills, knowledge and experience, and special training pertinent to their positions within the organization.

2.3.2: Continuous Professional Development

Continuing professional development is mandatory in ensuring that the level of competence in meeting the residents' fluctuating needs is high. The modules are designed to conform to the stipulations of the latest industry standards and regulatory updates.

Section II.B: Compliance with Colorado Regulations

2.4 Adherence to State Regulations

[COMPANY NAME] is committed to full compliance with all applicable Colorado regulations, specifically, those detailed in the Colorado Code of Regulations (CCR), including but not limited to 12 CCR 2509-8, which pertains to the operation of RCCFs and QRTPs.

2.5 Regulatory Compliance Structure
2.5.1: Compliance Officer

The organization has appointed a compliance officer responsible for overseeing all aspects of compliance, including implementing policies and responding to regulatory inquiries and inspections.

2.5.2: Compliance Protocols

A robust compliance program is in place to ensure compliance with federal regulations, including documentation, reports, employee training, and internal audits

2.6 Reporting Requirements
2.6.1: Mandatory Reporting

Pursuant to Section 7.701.12 of the Colorado Constitution, [COMPANY NAME] adheres to strict reporting procedures for any suspected case of child abuse, neglect, or other serious matters

2.6.2: Incident Reporting and Documentation

State legislation has implemented a flexible system of incident reporting and correspondence to ensure timely and accurate communication with relevant authorities.

2.7 Quality Assurance
2.7.1: Quality Assurance Program

The organization's quality assurance program plays an important role in the monitoring and evaluation of service delivery and compliance with national regulations. This plan includes regular review of clinical supervision, environmental safety, and established compliance programs.

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2.7.2: Continuous Improvement

The ethos of continuous improvement requires the organization to continuously refine its compliance systems, ensuring that the highest standards of care and compliance are met.

2.8 Collaborative Compliance Efforts
2.8.1: Collaboration with State Agencies

In collaboration with state agencies and regulatory bodies, [COMPANY NAME] strives to stay abreast of legislative and regulatory changes affecting RCCF-QRTP implementation.

2.8.2: Stakeholder Engagement

Regular engagement with stakeholders, including residents, families, staff, and community members, is central to an organization's compliance strategy, which ensures that all voices are heard and reflected in its actions in operations.

Section II.C: Reporting Requirements

2.9 Introduction to Reporting Protocols

[COMPANY NAME] maintains a strict reporting policy that is consistent with the legal framework established by the Colorado Department of Human Services and establishes legal mandates. These policies are designed to ensure accountability and transparency in our practices to maintain the safety, rights, and welfare of all residents.

2.10 Mandatory Reporting of Abuse and Neglect
2.10.1: Abuse and Neglect Identification

All employees are mandatory reporters, trained to recognize and respond to any signs of child abuse, neglect, or abuse as defined by state law. This duty extends beyond suspicion to knowledge or any evidence of such circumstances.

2.10.2: Immediate Reporting Procedures

Where abuse or neglect is suspected, staff must immediately report to the appropriate authorities following the procedures in Colorado Code of Regulations section 7.701.12. This ensures prompt protection for resident (resident) affected by the transaction.

2.11 Reporting Critical Incidents
2.11.1: Definition and Documentation

Critical incidents include a broad range of events, including, but not limited to, medical emergencies, escapes, and any situation that presents an immediate

threat to the health or safety of occupants. All such cases should be properly documented and reported in accordance with state guidelines.

2.11.2: Internal Notification System

The facility maintains an internal events system that triggers a series of events to ensure that all relevant administrative and supervisory personnel are notified and that appropriate action can be taken immediately.

2.12 Compliance with Reporting Laws
2.12.1: Adherence to State Laws

The [COMPANY NAME] policy is structured in strict compliance with all relevant state laws regarding the reporting of abuse, neglect and serious incidents, and embodies our commitment to the highest standards of care and legal responsibility.

2.12.2: Training and Refreshers

Regular training and updates are provided to all staff to ensure they fully understand reporting responsibilities, including changes to regulations and internal reporting procedures.

Chapter 3: Admissions and Intake

Section III.A: Admissions Overview

3.1 Admissions Philosophy

The admissions process at [COMPANY NAME] is a pivotal moment that sets the tone for the therapeutic journey ahead. We approach this phase with care, ensuring that every step from initial assessment to final admission is conducted with the utmost respect for the individual needs and rights of prospective residents and their families.

3.2 Admission Protocol

Our admission protocol is a comprehensive process that balances the clinical needs of the program with the individual care needs of each applicant. This is a process designed to ensure fairness, transparency and compliance with the regulatory standards governing the RCCF and QRTP facility.

Section III.B: Detailed Admissions Process

3.3 Eligibility Requirements

The eligibility for admission is determined based on:

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3.3.1 Age Criteria

Candidates seeking admission must be between the ages of 12-18, to ensure program services and peer groups are age appropriate and appropriate for group development and individual therapy programs.

3.3.2 Diagnostic Criteria

Applicants must provide a diagnosis of a mental illness as defined by the DSM (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders), indicating the need for specialized services provided by the RCCF/QRTP.

3.4 Formal Application
3.4.1 Application Submission

Interested parties are provided with a standardized application form, which they must complete and submit the required documentation for a candidate to be considered for acceptance. The form entails:

3.4.1.a: Personal Identification: (enter details)

3.4.1.b: Service Inquiry: (enter details)

3.4.1.c: Presenting Concerns: (enter details)

3.11 Initial Screening and Comprehensive Assessment

Our team is committed to conducting a thorough initial evaluation and assessment for each person we serve upon their entry to our organization or within a predefined period after their arrival. This commitment extends to periodic reassessments to ensure the continuity and appropriateness of the care, treatment, or services provided.

Definitions
Assessment: This term refers to the methodical procedure [COMPANY NAME] implements to gather essential, clinically pertinent details about individuals seeking our behavioral health support, interventions, or other services. The data collected plays a critical role in ensuring an individual's requirements are perfectly aligned with the most fitting service environment, program, or therapeutic intervention. Specifically, within the context of opioid treatment programs, this evaluation process delves into determining the specific characteristics and scope of an individual's substance use challenges, alongside any concurrent medical, psychological, or social issues, laying the groundwork for crafting a comprehensive treatment strategy.

Reassessment: This is the continuous process of gathering data, initiated at the first assessment, and involves comparing the latest information with previously collected data to monitor progress and adjust care plans, as necessary.

Screening: This procedure is designed to identify individuals who exhibit particular risk indicators related to physical or behavioral health concerns that necessitate a more thorough evaluation.

3.11.1 Purpose of Screening

Our initial screening process is designed with a dual focus. This procedure is rooted in a profound respect for the individuality and diverse backgrounds of the young people we encounter. By establishing a systematic protocol for evaluation, assessment, and periodic reassessment, we commit to not only identifying the immediate fit but also to ensuring the continuous development and adjustment of a personalized care, treatment, or service plan. This dynamic plan is meticulously crafted to reflect and adapt to the changing needs, goals, and preferences of each individual under our care, underlining our dedication to providing tailored and responsive support.

3.11.2 Screening Protocol

The assessment begins with an initial screening of youth applications, which includes a thorough examination of their character, education and psychological background This is through an initial interview with our admissions team to assess needs immediately and possibly appropriate in our community to increase it.

3.11.2.2 Comprehensive Assessment Framework

Initial Assessment Overview

3.11.2.2.1 Time-Sensitive Evaluation: [COMPANY NAME]'s trained professionals undertake an expedient initial assessment in accordance with our established guidelines. This is particularly critical for entrants to specialized programs such as those for opioid treatment, necessitating completion within a 30-day window post-admission, or sooner based on the urgency of the individual's situation.

Detailed Assessment Components

3.11.2.2.2 Broad-Spectrum Evaluation: The assessment includes an array of evaluations to form a comprehensive understanding of each individual, involving:

(explain procedure in detail)

Subsequent and Targeted Evaluations

3.11.2.2.3 Tailored Follow-up Assessments: Following the initial findings, our team undertakes supplementary evaluations to delve deeper into specific areas such as mental status, psychological state, psychiatric conditions, and intellectual and cognitive functions.

In-Depth Data Gathering

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3.11.2.2.4 Holistic Data Collection: Our assessments extend to collecting critical data that influence care, treatment, and service provision, covering family circumstances (e.g., incarcerations, divorce, drug use, bereavement, etc.) living environments, hobbies, cultural and spiritual beliefs, childhood histories including traumas, and language preferences, self-care ability, among others.

3.11.2.3 Evidence-Based Assessment Utilization

3.11.2.3.1 Application of Specialized Tools: Leveraging evidence-based tools like the ASAM Criteria, Level of Care Utilization System for Psychiatric and Addiction Services (LOCUS), and Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) we ensure the placement and care level determination aligns with each individual's needs, supported by policy and regulatory frameworks.

3.11.2.4 Individualized Assessment Outcomes

3.11.2.4.1 Comprehensive Individual Profiles: The culmination of these assessments provides a full spectrum view of each individual's mental health, medical conditions, and substance use history, forming the basis for personalized care planning. Candidates are expected to communicate their goals, preferences, strengths, and needs, and it is the responsibility of the staff to document these in the candidates' own words.

3.11.2.5 Collaborative Engagement and Documentation

3.11.2.5.1 Inclusive Assessment Process: Emphasizing a participatory approach, we involve the individual—and where suitable, their family or guardians—in the assessment, ensuring plans reflect their voiced needs, strengths, preferences, and aspirations. This process is critical as it helps determine the candidate's individual needs including: nutritional, communication, spiritual, cultural, psychosocial, behavioral, emotional, pain management, and clinical needs.

3.11.2.5.2 Rigorous Documentation: Every aspect of the assessments, including family involvement and decision-making processes, is meticulously documented, ensuring transparency and a tailored treatment pathway.

3.11.2.6 Addressing Strengths and Barriers

3.11.2.6.1 Adaptive Strategies: Identifying and documenting each individual's potential strengths and barriers enables us to implement effective interventions, ensuring full participation in their care, treatment, or services, guided by [COMPANY NAME]'s policies and community resources.

3.11.3 Comprehensive Assessment and Reassessment

After screening, a multidisciplinary team conducts a comprehensive inspection. This assessment included psychological testing, behavioral monitoring, and consideration of outside observers. The cognitive, emotional and social needs of young people can be mapped to create a personal profile that will guide their individual treatment plan. Further, the well-being and progression of our residents are monitored through a structured reassessment process. This crucial framework ensures that each individual receives care that is both dynamic and responsive to their evolving needs.

3.11.3.1. Initial and Periodic Evaluations

3.11.3.1.1 [COMPANY NAME]'s skilled team conducts initial assessments promptly upon admission, followed by regular reassessments to align with each individual's care plan. This ongoing evaluation process is sensitive to specific organizational timelines and is particularly attentive to changes in clinical status, pain levels, and any new needs or observations reported by our residents.

3.11.3.2 In-depth Reassessment Criteria

Monitoring Changes and Interventions

3.11.3.2.1 Reassessments are meticulously scheduled in response to:
   i. Variations in the resident's clinical condition.
   ii. Adjustments in pain levels or the status of the individual.
   iii. Newly identified needs or reported changes by the resident.
   iv. Observable impacts of medications or therapeutic interventions.
   v. Any additional clinical or relevant data essential for conducting thorough reassessments.

Collaborative Process

3.11.3.2.2 Our assessment process is inherently collaborative, actively involving the resident and, where fitting, their family members or guardians. This inclusive approach ensures that care plans are reflective of the resident's personal journey and aspirations.

3.11.3.3 Documentation and Review

3.11.3.3.1: All information gathered during reassessments is meticulously documented in the resident's clinical or case records, ensuring a transparent and accessible account of their care journey.

3.11.3.3.2: Each reassessment's findings are reviewed and verified with the resident, fostering an environment of open communication and mutual understanding of care goals and strategies.

3.11.3.4 Ensuring Dynamic and Responsive Care

Adaptive Care Planning

3.11.3.4.1: [COMPANY NAME]'s Comprehensive Assessment and Reassessment process is foundational to our mission of providing personalized, attentive care. By regularly evaluating and adjusting care plans based on detailed reassessments, we ensure that each resident's treatment remains aligned with their changing needs and circumstances.

Engagement and Empowerment

3.11.3.4.2: Encouraging resident and family participation in these assessments not only empowers them but also enhances the effectiveness of the care provided. This approach underpins our commitment to fostering growth, healing, and positive outcomes for all individuals within our community.

3.12.1 Decision-Making Criteria

The Admission Decision and Process at [COMPANY NAME] are meticulously designed to ensure a seamless integration of potential residents into our program, aligning their needs with the capabilities and resources available at [COMPANY NAME]. This comprehensive approach ensures that all individuals are assessed fairly and accurately, with a focus on their well-being and successful integration into the program.

Admission Evaluation

3.12.2 Preliminary Treatment Planning

Based on the initial screenings, a preliminary treatment plan is developed focusing on:

(explain details)

3.12.3 Notification Process

Once eligibility criteria are met and approved by the Admissions Committee, the applicant and family are notified and an admission date is set. The process for this is as follows:

(explain process in detail)

3.12.4 Admission Formalization

Formalizing admission is a structured process that includes:

(explain process in detail)

3.13 Referral and Intake Procedure
3.13.1 Referral Sources

Referral to the [COMPANY NAME] may come from a wide variety of sources, including, but not limited to, child welfare agencies, mental health professionals, and educational institutions. Each referral is treated with confidentiality and urgency and a standardized assessment is conducted to determine the appropriateness and urgency of admission.

3.13.2 Intake Coordination

Upon referral, our program director meets with the treatment team to schedule an intake screening to ensure the youth is eligible and ready for the program. This level is essential to ensure that [COMPANY NAME] youth have the most conducive environment for their development and rehabilitation.

3.13.3 Integration into the Program

Once intake is approved, youth are seamlessly integrated into the program through collaboration between their legal guardians, the referral agency and our in-house team. The goal of this multifaceted collaboration is to ensure stable changes that respect residents' needs and maximize their ability to succeed in our program.

3.1.4 Policy for Admission to Maintenance Policy

3.1.4.1 Policy Statement

[COMPANY NAME] is committed to using a well-defined set of criteria for transitioning patients from interim to comprehensive maintenance treatment, ensuring a continuum of care that aligns with patient needs and regulatory compliance.

This policy is applicable to all individuals seeking maintenance treatment within [COMPANY NAME], encompassing both interim and comprehensive maintenance treatment phases. It also extends to all qualified [COMPANY NAME] staff members tasked with decision-making regarding the transfer of patients between maintenance treatment levels.

3.1.4.2 Definitions

3.1.4.2.1 Comprehensive Maintenance Treatment: A holistic maintenance treatment approach that incorporates a wide range of appropriate medical and rehabilitative services, including but not limited to, the development of an initial and ongoing treatment plan, assignment of a primary counselor, potential eligibility for take-home doses, and rehabilitative and other services as outlined in federal guidelines.

3.1.4.2.2 Interim Maintenance Treatment: Provision of maintenance treatment at an opioid treatment program, accompanied by appropriate

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medical services, during the period a patient awaits transfer to a comprehensive maintenance treatment program.

3.1.4.2.3 Maintenance Treatment: The administration of an opioid agonist treatment medication in stable dosage levels for a duration exceeding 21 days, aimed at treating individuals with opioid use disorder.

3.1.4.2.4 Medical Director, Opioid Treatment Program: A physician licensed to practice within the jurisdiction of the opioid treatment program's location, responsible for overseeing all medical services offered by the program, either directly or through delegation to authorized professionals under direct supervision.

3.1.4.2 Responsibilities

3.1.4.2.1: The medical director is tasked with maintaining and implementing this policy, establishing criteria for patient admission to comprehensive maintenance treatment, and ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory standards.

3.1.4.2.2: Qualified staff members are expected to adhere to this policy in accordance with their job responsibilities, with qualifications determined by relevant licensing authorities.

3.1.4.3 Procedures

(explain procedure in detail)

Chapter 4: Resident Rights and Responsibilities

Within the supportive environment of [COMPANY NAME], every resident inherently deserves respect and should be treated with unwavering dignity. This principle is the cornerstone of communication in the workplace, assuring that everyone is respected and valued.

Section IV.A: Comprehensive List of Rights

4.1 Resident Rights
4.1.1 Right to Respect and Dignity

Every resident inherently deserves respect and should be treated with unwavering dignity. This principle is the cornerstone of communication in the workplace, assuring that everyone is respected and valued.

4.1.2 Right to Personal Privacy

The program is committed to protecting residents' privacy in their daily lives, medical participation, and communication. The confidentiality of personal and health information is a major concern, and disclosure is permitted only under strict legal provisions or with explicit consent

4.1.3 Right to Freedom of Thought, Conscience, and Religion

Acknowledging the sources of our residents, the facility ensures freedom of thought, conscience and religious belief. Residents are provided with options to observe their cultural and religious practices within the facility's capacity in accordance with institutional policies and legal guidelines.

4.1.4 Right to Comprehensive Medical and Psychological Care

Residents have the right to appropriate medical and psychological care, provided by qualified health professionals. This type of care is individualized, taking a holistic approach to the health and mental well-being of each resident.

4.1.5 Right to Education and Recreational Activities

The facility provides access to tailored educational programs and recreational activities that promote intellectual development and personal enrichment, essential to the full development of residents.

4.1.6 Right to Participation in Care Decisions

Residents are empowered to actively participate in their own care and participate in planning and decision-making processes, thereby fostering a sense of self-determination and self-advocacy

4.1.7 Right to Accessible Grievance Redressal

An accessible and transparent complaints procedure is in place, allowing residents to raise concerns or complaints about any aspect of their stay, assuring prompt and appropriate response.

Section IV.B: Responsibilities

4.2 Resident Responsibilities
4.2.1 Responsibility to Maintain Hygiene

Residents are primarily responsible for their own hygiene and sanitation, with staff providing assistance and guidance as needed.

4.2.2 Responsibility to Engage in Treatment

Active participation in a planned treatment plan is a primary responsibility of every resident, and is critical to their progress and treatment outcomes.

4.2.3 Responsibility to Uphold Mutual Respect

Mutual respect is the cornerstone of community life. Residents are expected to treat others with dignity and respect.

4.2.4 Responsibility to Contribute to Personal Development

Staff shall encourage residents to participate in their own development by using available resources and supports to achieve their rehabilitation and personal goals.

4.2.5 Responsibility to Comply with Facility Rules

Compliance with workplace rules is important. Policies in place must be known and followed to ensure a safe and orderly community.

Chapter 5: Program Structure and Services

5.1 Development of Care, Treatment, and Services Plan

5.1.1 Policy Overview

At [COMPANY NAME], the foundation of our service provision is a carefully constructed, individualized plan that addresses the unique needs, strengths, preferences, and aspirations of each person we serve. This plan is not merely a procedural requirement but a commitment to delivering personalized, effective care, treatment, or services that truly resonate with and benefit the individual.

5.1.2 Purpose

The aim of this policy is to outline a structured approach for crafting tailored plans for care, treatment, or services. This process is designed to ensure the delivery of coordinated and optimal care, advocating for the individual's well-being and progress through specifically aligned interventions and supports.

5.1.3 Scope

This policy is applicable across the entire spectrum of services offered by [COMPANY NAME], touching all departments and staff involved in the delivery of care, treatment, or services. It underscores our organization-wide dedication to the individuals we serve, ensuring that every team member is aligned with our mission of providing exemplary care.

5.1.4 Procedures

5.1.4.1 Inclusive Planning Activities

Qualified personnel must ensure the individual's participation in crucial planning stages, including:
  i.   Initial and follow-up screenings
  ii.   Comprehensive assessments and reassessments
  iii. Developing and modifying treatment plans
  iv.   Planning for discharge and subsequent care

5.1.4.2 Family Engagement

For minors, legal guidelines dictate the involvement of family members in the planning process. In the case of adults, consent must be obtained from the individual before involving family members in the planning.

5.1.5: Treatment Plan Formulation

5.1.5.1 Initial Review and Collaboration

Staff members must review initial screening and assessment outcomes with the individual and, where applicable, their family, ensuring all information accurately reflects the individual's situation.

5.1.5.2 Development of the Treatment Plan

The treatment plan is developed collaboratively, focusing on:
  i.   The individual's reasons for seeking services
  ii.   Clinical assessments and medical needs
  iii. The individual's strengths, needs, preferences, and objectives
  iv.   Utilization of evidence-based practices and diagnostic outcomes

5.1.5.3 Goal Setting and Planning

Goals are set in the individual's own words, focusing on their strengths and including:
  i.   Detailed objectives for each goal
  ii.   Required interventions, settings, and services, including frequency
  iii. Time-bound targets

    iv.   Measurable outcomes and potential barriers, alongside strategies for overcoming these barriers
    v.   Available resources to aid in goal attainment
    vi.   Criteria for successful goal achievement and discharge planning

5.1.5.4 Educational Support

Individuals are provided with educational resources tailored to their communicative needs, ensuring they understand their care, treatment, or service plans.

5.1.5.5 Documentation

All planning activities, including the individual's direct quotes, are documented in the clinical or case record.

5.1.6: Treatment Plan Evaluation and Adjustment

5.1.6.1 Continuous Collaboration and Assessment

Ongoing collaboration with the individual to evaluate their progress, with adjustments made to the treatment plan based on:
    i.   Achievement of objectives and goals
    ii.   Results from any diagnostic testing
    iii.   Any changes in the individual's needs, strengths, preferences, and goals

5.1.6.2 Reevaluation and Documentation

The treatment plan is regularly reviewed and revised to reflect the current status and needs of the individual. All amendments to the treatment plan are documented in the individual's record, prioritizing the use of the individual's own language.

5.1.7 Additional Procedures

5.1.7.1 Procedures for Opioid Treatment Programs

5.1.7.1.1 Management of Concurrent Drug Abuse

5.1.7.1.1.1: Our qualified staff employs foundational principles to construct management strategies for individuals encountering concurrent abuse of other substances, ensuring a comprehensive treatment approach.

5.1.7.1.2 Identification of Repeat Withdrawal Episodes

5.1.7.1.2.1: We pinpoint individuals experiencing two or more unsuccessful withdrawal attempts within a 12-month frame, directing them to a program physician for an evaluation of alternative treatment avenues.

5.1.7.1.3 Tobacco Use Assessment

5.1.7.1.3.1: Tobacco users are identified, with smoking cessation strategies seamlessly integrated into their personalized treatment plans.

5.1.7.1.4 Disease Reporting and Management

5.1.7.1.4.1: Individuals diagnosed with communicable diseases mandated for public health reporting, such as tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases, are identified. Our plans incorporate treatment within our capacity or, alternatively, referral to specialized facilities.

5.1.7.1.5 Immunization Status and Accessibility

5.1.7.1.5.1: The immunization status of each individual is ascertained, promoting access to CDC-recommended vaccines either onsite or through referral to capable providers.

5.1.7.1.6 HIV/AIDS Support Services

5.1.7.1.6.1: Individuals with HIV/AIDS are provided with comprehensive information regarding available community support, treatment, and prevention services.

Section V.B: Team Meetings

5.2 Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings
The structural integrity of our program is anchored in the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) session. These sessions are not only planning but also a container where collaborative knowledge is used to refine and modify resident care strategies.

5.2.1 Structure and Frequency
MDT meetings are convened on a regular basis, reflecting our prioritized position on resident-centered care. Participants include but are not limited to mental health professionals, teachers, medical professionals and legal guardians – each brings a unique perspective to the discussion.

5.2.2 Focus and Function

These meetings are forums to review the progress of residents, engage them, and ensure that each resident's ISP remains relevant to their current and future needs

5.2.3 Documentation and Accountability

Meticulous records shall be kept of each MDT meeting, to ensure that decisions are documented and that the rationale for any changes to a resident's care is clear and appropriate.

5.3 Program Services
5.3.1 Therapeutic Services

Our therapeutic services are structured to be comprehensive. From individual counseling to group therapy, the methods used are chosen to best address the variety of issues our residents face.

5.3.2 Educational Services

The provision of educational services is the foundation of our holistic approach to residential development. Matching these services to individual educational needs is key to developing a sense of what it is like and what happens in the lives of our community members.

5.3.3 Health and Wellness

Our residents' physical health is just as important as their mental wellbeing. Health care services, nutritional planning, and physical exercise are all designed to promote optimal health and wellness.

5.4 Quality Assurance
5.4.1 Continuous Improvement

The core of our design process is the philosophy of continuous improvement. Regular audits, staff training and system reviews ensure that our services not only meet but exceed standards set by regulators.

5.4.2 Feedback Integration

Feedback mechanisms have been incorporated into our policy framework to ensure that the voices of residents and their families are heard and taken into account in the development of our services.

5.5 Compliance and Ethics
5.5.1 Regulatory Adherence

Compliance with local, state, and federal laws is not just a legal obligation but a moral obligation. Our program is structured to comply with the many legal and ethical standards that govern RCCF/QRTP activities.

5.5.2 Ethical Decision-Making

Moral judgment is the cornerstone of our service delivery. Every action, every initiative, is weighed against the high ethical standards we have set for ourselves as a caring beacon in the community.

Section V.C: Transition

5.6 Transition Planning and Follow-Up
5.6.1 Objective of Transition Planning

Transition planning at [COMPANY NAME] aims to positively prepare residents for a smooth transition from QRTP to unrestricted status, ensuring continued care and integration into the community.

5.6.2 Process of Transition Planning
5.6.2.1 Initial Assessment

Each youth's transition program begins with a comprehensive assessment at admission, focusing on their specific developmental, emotional and social needs.

5.6.2.2 Collaborative Strategy Development

Adjustment strategies are developed together with youth, their families or caregivers, and the treatment team, to ensure that each program is tailored to the individual's goals and needs.

5.6.2.3 Implementation of Transition Plan

A transition plan with clear milestones and regular reassessment is used to ensure that young people adapt to changing circumstances and developments.

5.6.2.4 Continuous Support and Follow-Up

Following the reform, the organization promises to continue supporting young people, including accessing education, employment and medical services to help them stabilize and grow

Section V.D: Education

5.7 Education Requirements for Children/Youth in Out-of-Home Placement
5.7.1 Ensuring Educational Stability
5.7.1.1 Collaboration with Educational Institutions

The organization partners with schools to ensure educational stability, minimizing disruption to young people's academic journeys.

5.7.1.2 Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)

IEPs are developed and administered in collaboration with educational professionals to support individuals for those with special educational needs.

5.7.2 Promoting Academic Achievement

5.7.2.1 Academic Support Services

The organization provides teaching and educational support tailored to each youth's individual learning needs.

5.7.2.2 School Transition Assistance

In terms of school transition, the organization provides comprehensive support to ensure young people are seamlessly integrated into the new educational environment.

Section V.E: Care and Treatment

5.8 Emphasis on One-on-One Care, Mentoring, Treatment

5.8.1 Personalized Care Approach

The organization emphasizes the individual care of each youth, providing a nurturing environment focused on personal growth and self-care.

5.8.2 Mentorship Program

5.8.2.1 Youth Advocacy

There is a mentoring program where each youth is assigned a dedicated mentor to guide them through their personal growth journey.

5.8.2.2 Skill Development Focus

Counselors work with teens to develop the essential life skills needed to make a successful transition to adulthood.

5.8.3 Comprehensive Treatment Services

5.8.3.1 Therapeutic Modalities

Treatments are tailored to each young person's mental health needs, ensuring an integrated approach to their overall well-being.

5.8.3.2 Monitoring and Adjustments

The effectiveness of treatment is continuously evaluated, and adjustments are made to maintain and respond to the benefits of medical interventions.

Chapter 6: Staffing and Training

Section VI.A: Qualification and Training

6.1 Staff Qualifications
6.1.1 Minimum Requirements

All personnel must possess the requisite educational background, certifications, and experience relevant to their role. Positions that require direct care or clinical intervention necessitate at least a Bachelor's degree in a related field (social work, psychology, etc.) or equivalent professional experience. Advanced roles may require a Master's level education or higher.

6.1.2 Background Checks

Prior to employment, a comprehensive background check, including criminal records, is mandatory to ensure the safety and well-being of the clientele.

6.1.3 Staff Qualifications Verification

6.1.3.1 Purpose

The aim of this protocol is to implement a uniform method for the recognition and confirmation of staff credentials relevant to their roles within [COMPANY NAME]. This ensures the safety of individuals receiving services and adherence to regulatory standards.

6.1.3.2 Scope

This policy applies to all employees at [COMPANY NAME] engaged in delivering care, treatment, or services, guaranteeing that staff are competently equipped for their designated duties.

6.1.3.3 Definitions

i. **Credentials:** Formal documentation proving a person's qualifications, such as licenses, degrees, certifications, and professional experience.
ii. **Credentials Verification Organization (CVO):** An entity that offers detailed reports on a professional's credentials. [COMPANY NAME] relies on the reliability of information from CVOs, necessitating initial and ongoing evaluations of these entities based on ten key principles.
iii. **Designated Equivalent Source:** Recognized entities providing credential information equivalent to that from the primary source. They include organizations like the ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education), AMA (American Medical Association), ABMS (American Board of Medical Specialties), ECFMG (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates), AOA (American Osteopathic Association), FSMB (Federation of State Medical Boards), AAPA (American Academy of Physician Assistants), and NCCPA certification (National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants).

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iv. **Licensure:** Official permission from a regulatory body for professional practice or operation within a healthcare setting.
v. **Primary Source:** The original issuing source of a credential, capable of verifying the accuracy of qualifications reported by a practitioner.
vi. **Primary Source Verification:** The process of validating a practitioner's reported qualifications directly from the original source or an authorized agent.

6.1.4 Responsibilities

Within [COMPANY NAME], a clear framework outlines the responsibilities across various levels of leadership and staff, ensuring the effective implementation and maintenance of staffing policies.

6.1.4.1 Leadership Obligations

a. **Policy Maintenance:** Leadership holds the primary duty of upholding and executing the staffing policy.
b. **Staffing List Collaboration:** Working in tandem with managers, leadership is tasked with the creation and ongoing refinement of the Staffing List, ensuring it accurately reflects the organization's needs.

6.1.4.2 Governance and Designated Officials

a. **Staffing List Approval:** This responsibility involves the formal endorsement of the Staffing List and verifying its adherence to the prescribed standards.
b. **Verification Oversight:** Governance ensures that any third-party entities (e.g., Credential Verification Organizations) engaged for credential verification align with legal, regulatory, and organizational policy requirements.

6.1.4.3 Human Resources Responsibilities

a. **Application Processing:** This includes the initial review and processing of employment applications.
b. **Information Collection and Documentation:** HR is tasked with gathering necessary details from candidates and systematically documenting this information.
c. **Verification Activities:** Conducting thorough checks to verify the authenticity of the information provided by applicants.
d. **File Maintenance:** Keeping detailed records of applicants, including all relevant documentation.

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6.1.5 Procedures

The procedures section delineates the systematic approach to defining job responsibilities, qualifications, and the process for creating and approving the Staffing List.

6.1.5.1 Job Responsibilities and Staff Qualifications

6.1.5.1.1 Staffing List Development
Collaborative Creation: Leadership and management jointly develop a detailed Staffing List, categorizing job roles within [COMPANY NAME], encompassing both direct care providers and those offering administrative and clinical oversight.

6.1.5.1.2 Detailed Role Descriptions
For each role identified in the Staffing List, the following elements are defined:
i. **Role Duties:** Outline of the specific responsibilities and duties associated with each job type.

ii. **Qualification Standards:** Minimum criteria for each position, adhering to legal and regulatory standards, which may include:
   a. Educational background and training.
   b. Professional credentials.
   c. Licensure requirements.
   d. Certifications and registrations.

iii. **Competency Requirements:** Specification of skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to perform job duties safely and effectively, in compliance with legal and regulatory mandates.

iv. **Health Requirements:** Any health-related prerequisites for the position, as dictated by law and regulation.

6.1.5.1.3 Staffing List Approval
Submission and Approval: The meticulously compiled Staffing List is then submitted to governance or designated officials for review and endorsement, ensuring it meets the organization's standards and regulatory requirements.

6.1.5.2 Receiving Applications for New Staff Members

At [COMPANY NAME], the process of welcoming new talents begins with a thorough and systematic approach to receiving and reviewing applications. Our Human Resources (HR) team, alongside the hiring managers and designated personnel, is tasked with the initial steps of this journey.

(explain hiring process in detail)

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