

TITLE: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	POLICY #: 51
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Policy: McCrossan Boys Ranch will ensure the provision of timely and appropriate mental health services to the residents that are provided by qualified mental health professionals who meet the educational and license/certification criteria specified by their respective professional discipline.

Definitions: qualified practitioner – a person who is certified, licensed, registered, or credentialed by a governmental entity or professional association as meeting the educational, experiential, or competency requirements necessary to provide human services

Procedures:

1. Each client placed at the Ranch will be given a mental health screening and will be assigned a licensed professional mental health therapist who will provide counseling services to the client.
2. The Ranch will employ a Clinical Supervisor who is a qualified practitioner and/or utilize the services of qualified practitioners in the community to provide clients access to mental health services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Clinical Supervisor and the Nurse will coordinate mental health services for clients including inpatient mental health treatment if needed. The placing agent will be notified if a client is admitted for inpatient mental health treatment. The parent/guardian may also be notified depending on their involvement in the client's placement.
3. Mental health practitioners employed by the agency will inform residents at the initiation of services of their duty to report incidents of child abuse and the limitations of confidentiality. (115.361 d2)
4. If the Unit Manager, Nurse and/or Clinical Supervisor in consultation with the placing agent determine that a resident needs a psychological assessment following admission, the Ranch will ensure that the resident receives a psychological assessment with a licensed psychologist. All residents placed in the short-term assessment program will receive a psychological assessment.
5. If the Unit Manager, Nurse and/or Clinical Supervisor in consultation with the placing agent, determine that a resident needs a psychiatric assessment following admission, the Ranch will ensure that the resident receives a psychiatric assessment with a licensed psychiatrist. All residents placed in the short-term assessment program will receive a psychiatric assessment. Each resident on psychotropic or psycho-stimulant medication will be seen by a licensed psychiatrist for medication reviews at least every 90 days to determine if the resident's prescribed medication regimen needs to be revised. The facility will obtain a written report concerning the medication review unless the placing agency prohibits the facility from obtaining it for purposes of confidentiality.

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