

TITLE: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	POLICY #: 51
Department: Program/Services	Effective Date: 06/25/01
	Applicable Standards:
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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: N/A

Procedures:

1. At the time of admission, each resident will receive a mental health screening.
2. Licensed mental health counselors will provide counseling services to residents.
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 Associate Director 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 the Associate Director 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.
6. If the resident's welfare is perceived to be at risk because of behavior that may cause harm to self or others, he may be committed either voluntary or involuntarily to in-patient services. The resident may also be required to complete a professional evaluation. At such times, the resident's referral worker and parent/guardian-will be notified.