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# **Facility Based Crisis Program for Children and Adolescents**

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# **Agenda**

- **History of Facility Based Crisis for Children in NC**
- **Highlights of Draft Service Definition**
- **Stakeholder Comment**
- **Next Steps**



## **Draft Service Definition: Population to be Served**

Children and adolescents ages 6-17 years requiring acute crisis stabilization (p.1)

- Youth with primary mental health or substance use disorders
- Youth with primary intellectual/developmental disabilities
- Youth with intellectual/developmental disabilities with co-occurring mental health or substance use disorders



# Draft Service Definition: Staffing

- **.5 FTE child psychiatrist** (p.3,4,5)
- **24 hour coverage by registered nurse** (p.3,4,5)
- **At least one licensed professional** (p.3,4,5)



## Draft Service Definition: Staffing

- **.5 – 1 FTE licensed practicing psychologist with I/DD experience. Facilities serving only youth with I/DD will have 1 FTE psychologist. Facilities serving youth with mental health/substance use disorders and youth with I/DD can have a .5 FTE psychologist**

(p. 4,5)



## **Draft Service Definition: Staffing**

- **Additional staff to maintain 1:3 ratio with minimum of 2 awake staff members at all times (p.6)**
- **Capacity to bring additional staff on-site based on intensity of needs of beneficiaries (p.6)**



# **Draft Service Definition: Safety Considerations**

- **6-11 years olds will be treated separately from 12-17 year olds. (p.1)**
- **All youth will be in separate physical space from adults. (p.1)**
- **The facility-based crisis program must address the age, behavior, and developmental functioning of each beneficiary to ensure safety, health, and appropriate treatment interventions. (p.1)**



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# **Draft Service Definition: Safety Considerations**

- **Facility must comply with 10 NCAC 27E.0104 re:  
Seclusion, Physical Restraint and Isolation Time  
Out and Protective Devices Used for Behavioral  
Control (p.7)**





## **Draft Service Definition: Other Requirements**

- Facility must be designated as an involuntary treatment facility. (p.1)
- For beneficiaries requiring detoxification, the program will have procedures and policies in place to initiate detoxification. (p.8)
- Discharge planning begins at admission with involvement of family, other agency staff, natural supports, and community provider. (p.2,8)



## **Draft Service Definition: Other Requirements**

- **Limit of 30 days in a calendar year. (p.11)**
- **Service is designed as a time limited alternative to hospitalization. (p.1)**
- **Psychiatrist must complete an in-person initial evaluation within 24 hours of admission. (p.3,4,5)**



## **Draft Service Definition: Other Requirements**

- Licensed clinician must be available 24/7 for conducting on-site comprehensive clinical assessments at admission. (p.6)
- Youth with IDD will be seen by staff psychologist with 24 hours of admission. (p.7)
- Facility will designate which population it will serve. (p.1)



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**Comments?**

**Questions?**



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