



## ***Probation Service Definition***

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS & PROBATION

<b>SERVICE NAME</b>	<b>Crisis Stabilization</b> <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile</span>
<b>Category</b>	Out-of-Home placement/Non-treatment
<b>Setting</b>	Residential-Shelter Only
<b>Facility License</b>	As required by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)-Division of Public Health
<b>Service Description</b>	This service is utilized to achieve stabilization in a therapeutic environment until a youth can transition home or to a placement. Crisis Stabilization may be utilized as an alternative to detention. Youth in this service require crisis intervention, consistent behavior management, supervision and therapeutic services.
<b>Service Expectations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete an initial diagnostic interview (IDI) if one has not been completed within the preceding 12 months, or if one is not available. This is part of the crisis stabilization service. If an IDI has been completed within the last 12 months a licensed mental health practitioner should review and update as necessary via an addendum.</li> <li>• Develop a written individualized crisis stabilization plan with the youth, probation/problem solving court officer, family, and other stakeholders identified, that will assist the youth in stabilization and preparing for transition home or other placement. The plan must address stabilization goals to include behavioral, medication compliance, education, transition, and criminogenic domains.</li> <li>• Individualization of the plan will be determined based on service referral information, relevant collateral documentation/assessments and youth/family goals. The written plan shall include approval, when appropriate, by the probation/problem solving court officer to allow youth to leave the facility for planned supervised outings, home visits, etc. Home visits will not be withheld from the youth based on behavioral concerns.</li> <li>• Youth may continue therapeutic services with their current clinician in addition to crisis stabilization services. Crisis stabilization staff will collaborate and be in communication with the youth’s current treating clinician outside of crisis stabilization. Note: Financial assistance (outside of the crisis stabilization rate) will not be provided to the current clinician if they are employed or affiliated with the crisis stabilization provider.</li> <li>• Clinical staff will work in collaboration with placement staff to assist the youth in achieving stabilization goals.</li> <li>• Participation in family engagement team meetings in person or via teleservices to provide necessary information on the youth’s behavior and progress in crisis stabilization service as well as assist the family in preparing for the youth’s return home or to a necessary placement.</li> </ul>

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	to this subsection. Reference NE Revised Statute 43-297.01. Probation Officers will work collaboratively with facility staff or foster parent(s) to determine if an immediate change in placement is necessary. The team will work collaboratively to execute a plan for the youth's immediate placement. The youth's educational, environmental, and emotional needs will all be addressed in this plan.
<b>Service Frequency</b>	24 hours/7 days Clinical intervention staff shall meet with the youth privately a minimum of one (1) to two (2) sessions per week with increased individual time if necessary to achieve and maintain stability. Clinical intervention staff will collaborate and be in communication with the youth's treating practitioner. Clinical staff will work in collaboration with placement staff to assist the youth in achieving stabilization goals.
<b>Length of Stay</b>	Up to 30 days
<b>Staffing</b>	Staffing Requirements of crisis stabilization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff shall demonstrate skill and competency in the treatment of youth with mental health and substance use disorders prior to the delivery of services</li> <li>• The team shall include, as a minimum, one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Therapist: LMHP; LIMHP; PLMHP</li> <li>○ Direct care staff: must be 21 years of age and have a minimum of two years' experience working with youth, two years education in the human service field or a combination of work experience and education with one year of education substituting for one year of experience.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All staff that have direct contact with youth will have training in evidence-based youth development principles, best practice in juvenile justice and criminogenic risk and needs.</li> <li>• All providers must be trained in trauma-informed care, recovery principles and crisis management.</li> <li>• Crisis stabilization service is expected to maintain staff ratio to accommodate transportation and activities of the facility.</li> </ul>
<b>Staff to Client Ratio</b>	Staffing ratios will be as required by the DHHS-Division of Public Health
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	24/7 days a week
<b>Service Desired Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth maintains continuity with their education.</li> <li>• The primary outcome is to enable the youth to stabilize in their environment and move to their home or to the next placement.</li> <li>• Youth's behavior will be stabilized.</li> <li>• Youth will maintain placement in the least restrictive environment.</li> <li>• Youth will demonstrate positive skills in communication, social skills, coping/anger management, family functioning, these skills will be based on the probation/problem solving court staff's referral.</li> </ul>
<b>Unit and Rate</b>	Per day; see rate sheet

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