



Probation Service Definition

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS & PROBATION

SERVICE NAME	Maternity Group Home Parenting <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
Category	Out-of-Home (OHP) placement
Setting	Residential
Facility License	As required by Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)- Division of Public Health
Service Description	Maternity group home is a temporary placement in a licensed non-treatment facility providing 24-hour supervision for females actively parenting a child in an age-appropriate, individualized and structured group setting. The maternity group home service is provided by trained staff who have additional training in supporting youth who are parenting. This service requires consistent behavior management, supervision and support. Staff provide a safe and nurturing environment to help youth facilitate change in their behavior, attitudes, personal interactions, and build parenting competencies.
Service Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agency will develop an individualized written service plan with the youth, probation/problem solving court officer, family, and other stakeholders identified, that assists the youth in stabilization and preparing for transition home or to a necessary placement. The initial plan will be developed within 72 hours of placement and must address goals to include: behavioral, treatment/evaluation services, medication compliance, education, transition planning, parenting, and criminogenic risk levels. • Individualization of the plan will be determined based on service referral information provided by the probation/problem solving court officer, relevant collateral documentation/assessments and family goals. • The plan shall include approval by the probation/problem solving court officer and/or court to allow youth community access to participate in education, treatment and planned supervised outings, home visits, etc. • Provide a structured living environment to include evidence based youth developmental principles (physical, psychological, emotional), community engagement/ support, parenting and family engagement. • Support the youth in development of their parenting skills. Special consideration should be made in the initial service plan goals to address the youth’s needs and the needs for informal and formal parenting supports. • Participation in family team meetings to provide necessary information on the youth’s behavior and progress in the group home as well as assist the family in preparing for the youth’s return home or necessary placement.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family engagement shall include regular phone contact and visitation with family members as authorized by the probation/problem solving court officer and/or the court. Family engagement shall be flexible to meet the non-traditional hours needed by families. Phone contact and visits shall not be tied to behavior management and shall not be removed as a consequence. • Intentional home visits should be planned with the youth, youth’s family, supporting agency, and probation/problem solving court officer and shall be utilized to enhance family functioning and in the achievement of goals. Home visits shall be in the family home and the visits shall not be removed as a consequence of behavior. • The agency will ensure 24-hour crisis intervention is available to aid in the stabilization of crisis situations. • Agency will ensure that educational needs are being met. Youth shall attend their home school whenever possible. • Provide transport as necessary to and from dental and medical appointments, school, court, therapy, home visits and routine day to day activities. Transportation costs within a 25 mile radius will be the responsibility of the provider. Transportation beyond that radius will be the responsibility of the parent. • The agency will collaborate and proactively plan with the probation/problem solving court officer for the discharge of youth from the service, this will plan will begin upon placement. During this process a trauma informed approach will be utilized to prepare the youth for the transition to ensure the most appropriate post-discharge placement is available for the youth prior to discharge. Criteria for discharge will be individualized, determined by the team, and approved by the court. The court must approve all discharges and placement changes. • If the agency requests a youth to be removed from the group home, a family engagement meeting shall be held within 3 business days to develop a transition plan for the youth. The plan will include educational, clinical, living, environment, etc. • When the youth’s discharge is not planned, the provider shall give the probation/problem solving court officer a fourteen (14) calendar day notice in writing. During the fourteen (14) day period of time, the agency shall use a trauma informed approach to prepare the youth for the impending discharge and will work collaboratively with probation to determine the most appropriate transition or post discharge placement for the youth. The court must approve all discharges and placement changes. A fourteen (14) calendar day written notice is not required when the provider and probation mutually agree that it is in the best interests of the youth to move sooner.
Service Frequency	24 hours/7 days
Length of Stay	Up to 6 months

Staffing	The provider will comply with all staffing requirements of the DHHS, Division of Public Health. All staff that have direct contact with youth will have an understanding of evidence-based youth development principles, best practice in juvenile justice, trauma informed care and criminogenic risk and needs.
Staff to Client Ratio	Staffing ratios will be as required by DHHS, Division of Public Health
Hours of Operation	24 hours/7 days a week
Service Desired Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth will stabilize and show improved functioning based on successful completion of the individualized plan, including initial goals and reduction of identified criminogenic risk. • Prevention placement in a more restrictive environment, and a demonstration of improved parenting of the young child and family functioning between youth and family. • The primary outcome is to enable the youth to move back home as soon as service goals are met.
Unit and Rate	Per day; see rate sheet

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