



## ***Probation Service Definition***

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS & PROBATION

<b>SERVICE NAME</b>	<b>Maternity Group Home Parenting</b> <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juvenile</span>
<b>Category</b>	Out-of-Home (OHP) placement
<b>Setting</b>	Residential
<b>Facility License</b>	As required by Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)- Division of Public Health
<b>Service Description</b>	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.
<b>Service Expectations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The agency with the youth, probation/problems solving court officer and other stakeholders identified will develop a written individualized service plan based on services referral information (criminogenic risk, needs and responsivity) relevant collateral documentation/assessments and youth/family goals</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• The plan will ensure 24-hour crisis intervention is available to aid in the stabilization of crisis situations. The written safety plan (crisis) plan will be updated as needed throughout the service. The youth, agency staff/parent/guardian must be able to demonstrate they have the knowledge and skills to implement the safety plan</li> <li>• The individualized written 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</li> <li>• Provide a structured living environment to include evidence based youth developmental principles (physical, psychological, emotional), community engagement/ support, parenting and family engagement.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• The agency will document the progress toward the individualized daily program schedule in their reports. Probation/Problem Solving Court Officer will verify with staff to determine if progress is being made. If progress is not indicated, the staff shall provide a rationale as to what changes will be made to initiate a plan to indicate progress</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• A crisis (safety risk/reduction) plan will be developed and updated as needed throughout the service. The youth parent/guardian/caregiver must be able to demonstrate they have the knowledge and skills to implement the crisis plan. The crisis plan will be shared with the probation/problem solving court officer</li> <li>• Agency will ensure that educational needs are being met. Youth shall attend their home school whenever possible</li> <li>• If a youth is gone without permission and does not return or cannot be located within 2 hours, the provider/agency will contact the assigned Probation/problem Solving Court Officer or if occurring after hours, the on-call/after hours contact identified for that youth. The agency will continue to make efforts to locate and engage with the youth, parent, and probation until the youth is located and/or discharged. Such efforts should be clearly documented and included in the documentation to probation including the dates /hours the youth’s whereabouts were unknown and the efforts made to locate them</li> <li>• 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/guardian</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
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	<p>individualized, determined by the team, and approved by the court. The court must approve all discharges and placement changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Probation/Problem Solving Court Staff may make an immediate change in placement without court approval only if the juvenile is in a harmful or dangerous situation (e.g. natural disaster). Approval of the court shall be sought within twenty-four hours after making the change in placement or as soon thereafter as possible. The office shall provide all interested parties with a copy of any report filed with the court by the office pursuant 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</li> </ul>
<b>Service Frequency</b>	24 hours/7 days
<b>Length of Stay</b>	Up to 6 months
<b>Staffing</b>	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.
<b>Staff to Client Ratio</b>	Staffing ratios will be as required by DHHS, Division of Public Health
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	24 hours/7 days a week
<b>Service Desired Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth will stabilize and show improved functioning based on successful completion of the individualized plan, including initial goals and reduction of identified criminogenic risk.</li> <li>• Prevention placement in a more restrictive environment, and a demonstration of improved parenting of the young child and family functioning between youth and family.</li> <li>• The primary outcome is to enable the youth to move back home as soon as service goals are met.</li> </ul>
<b>Unit and Rate</b>	See rate sheet

