
Conditions

A child may be considered for residential care under the following conditions:

- a family like setting cannot meet the child's individual needs
 - residential placement has been recommended by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist as the placement of choice to meet the child's treatment needs
 - the plan for residential care has been approved by the Social Work Supervisor and Program Supervisor, as appropriate. Special residential placements also require Regional Administrator, or designee, approval. (See below).
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Placements That Require Approval

Special residential placements are those which require the review and approval of the Regional Administrator or his/her designee. These include:

- out-of-state facilities or transfer between out-of-state facilities
- in-state facilities and programs requiring Regional Administrator approval
- hard-to-place, i.e., children with unusual problem(s) for whom regional office staff cannot determine/locate an appropriate in-state facility
- placement in an approved program for which payment beyond the approved rate is required.

Facilities and programs not previously approved for use must be referred to the Director of Child Welfare Services for approval.

Procedures for Special Residential Placements

Utilize the following procedures for special residential placements:

- Forward the following information to the Program Supervisor for review and to determine whether a specialized residential placement is required or if an existing approved program can meet the child's needs:
 - DCF-469, "Child Placement Document"
 - the most recent treatment plan
 - a brief explanation of the need for specialized residential placement.

if approved, forward the DCF-469, brief explanation, and written approval of the Program Supervisor to the Regional Administrator (or designee) for action or approval.

Referrals from DCF Facilities

DCF regional offices will accept referral for residential placement made by DCF facilities.

The DCF facility staff shall provide the regional staff with any information or reports necessary to make the determination that residential placement is the plan best suited to the child's current needs, including:

- all clinical material
- pertinent historical data
- hospital/institution adjustment notes
- placement recommendations.

This information will be transmitted even if it is agreed the facility staff makes the referrals directly to the non-DCF facility.

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**Region and
Facility
Collaboration**

There shall be close collaboration between the regional office staff and the staff of DCF operated facilities on behalf of children residing in such facilities in need of placement. This collaboration should result in joint agreement on planning, placement recommendations, and timing.

**Processing
Approvals**

Requests for approval of special residential placements will be processed through the Regional office.
