

Group Homes

Types of Residential Placements

High Management Group Home

High management group homes are highly structured therapeutic group homes having intensive staff supervision and programs for emotionally disturbed children which may include severely emotionally disturbed, aggressive, and multi-handicapped children or adolescents. The treatment program is behavioral, psychological, and psychosocial in orientation.

High management refers to a level of supervision and intensity of programming required to manage and treat children who present severe emotional and/or behavior management problems. Programming and interventions are tailored to the age and diagnosis of the children served. Frequent structured therapeutic group and individual interventions along with specialized behavior management techniques are often offered several times per day. Children are provided with 24-hour awake supervision. (Awake supervision means that, during sleeping hours, a staff member is located in a position which allows observation of any movement into or out of a child's bedroom.)

Moderate Management Group Home

Moderate management refers to a level of supervision and intensity of programming required to manage and treat children who present less intensive emotional and/or behavioral problems than those treated in high management group homes. Structured therapeutic interventions such as individual and group therapy are provided several times per week. Staff often supervise a greater number of children at a given time than might be supervised in a high management setting and children may be allowed some degree of independence. The children are provided with 24-hour supervision, 16 hours of which is awake.

Supervised Independent Living Program

Supervised Independent Living is defined as a range of rehabilitative services provided to adolescents ages 16 to 21. Services are designed to improve the quality of life for adolescents by assisting them to assume responsibility over their lives and to function as actively and independently in the community as possible. Supervised Independent Living services are restricted to adolescents who have completed an intensive, out-of-home therapeutic placement or who have been incarcerated in the Juvenile Justice System and who are in need of continued treatment services in a less intensive therapeutic environment which offers independent living skills. These services are provided in the context of a supportive, non-institutional environment in the community and are intended to enable the adolescent to improve his/her capacity to live independently.

Therapeutic Foster Care

Therapeutic Foster Care is defined as individualized foster care provided to children by Treatment Parents who are specially recruited, trained, and matched with a child. The Treatment Parents are supported by clinical staff throughout the child's length of stay. The purpose of therapeutic foster care programs is to enable children to overcome their problems in a highly supportive, individualized, and flexible residential placement which will assist them in moving to a less intensive foster or group care placement or to return to their families.

Residential Treatment Facility

A Residential Treatment Facility provides for the diagnosis and treatment of severely emotionally disturbed or mentally ill children who require less than acute inpatient care, but who need a structured environment with intensive treatment services. The "hospital-like" treatment program is designed to stabilize a crisis or to provide long-term care. Services are

physician driven and include input from nurses, social workers, psychologists, and other clinical staff. Full services are delivered within a centralized residential setting, including medical, educational, psychosocial, and recreational activities.

Web addresses for agencies licensing group homes and a list of current group homes providing services:

South Carolina Department of Social Services

<https://dss.sc.gov/foster-care/>

Mailing Address:

South Carolina Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 1520
Columbia, SC 29202-1520

Telephone:

(800) 645-9789

South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice

<http://www.state.sc.us/djj/group-homes.php>

Street Address:

South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice
4900 Broad River Rd.
Columbia, SC 29212

Mailing Address:

PO Box 21069
Columbia, SC 29221

Telephone:

803.896.9749

Palmetto Association for Children and Families

<http://pafcaf.org/>

Street Address:

3710 Landmark Dr. #100
Columbia, SC 29204

Telephone:

(803) 834-4921