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WAC 246-341-1133 Evaluation and treatment services—Service standards. (1) Evaluation and treatment services are provided for individuals who are held for 120-hour detention or on 14-day, 90-day, or 180-day civil commitment orders according to chapters 71.05 and 71.34 RCW. An agency providing evaluation and treatment services may choose to serve individuals who are held for 120-hour detention, or on short-term commitment orders (14-day), long-term commitment orders (90-day and 180-day), or all three. Agencies providing evaluation and treatment services may also provide services for individuals who are not detained or committed.

(2) An agency providing evaluation and treatment services for youth must be a contracted child long-term inpatient treatment facility (CLIP), except as specified in subsection (4) of this section. The CLIP facility must develop a written plan for assuring that services provided are appropriate to the developmental needs of children, including all of the following:

(a) If there is not a child psychiatrist on the staff, there must be a child psychiatrist available for consultation.

(b) There must be a psychologist with documented evidence of skill and experience in working with children available either on the clinical staff or by consultation, responsible for planning and reviewing psychological services and for developing a written set of guidelines for psychological services.

(c) There must be a registered nurse, with training and experience in working with psychiatrically impaired children, on staff as a full-time or part-time employee who must be responsible for all nursing functions.

(d) There must be a social worker with experience in working with children on staff as a full-time or part-time employee who must be responsible for social work functions and the integration of these functions into the individual treatment plan.

(e) There must be an educational/vocational assessment of each resident with appropriate educational/vocational programs developed and implemented or assured on the basis of that assessment.

(f) There must be an occupational therapist licensed under chapter 18.59 RCW available, who has experience in working with psychiatrically impaired children, responsible for occupational therapy functions and the integration of these functions into treatment.

(g) There must be a registered recreational therapist under chapter 18.230 RCW available, who has had experience in working with psychiatrically impaired children, responsible for the recreational therapy functions and the integration of these functions into treatment.

(h) Disciplinary policies and practices must be stated in writing and all of the following must be true:

(i) Discipline must be fair, reasonable, consistent, and related to the behavior of the resident. Discipline, when needed, must be consistent with the individual treatment plan.

(ii) Abusive, cruel, hazardous, frightening, or humiliating disciplinary practices must not be used. Seclusion and restraints must not be used as punitive measures. Corporal punishment must not be used.

(iii) Disciplinary measures must be documented in the individual service record.

(i) Residents must be protected from assault, abuse, and neglect. Suspected or alleged incidents of nonaccidental injury, sexual abuse, assault, cruelty, or neglect to a child must be reported to a law enforcement agency or to the department of children, youth, and families and comply with chapter 26.44 RCW.

(j) Orientation material must be made available to any facility personnel, clinical staff, or consultants informing practitioners of their reporting responsibilities and requirements. Appropriate local police department phone numbers must be available to personnel and staff.

(k) When suspected or alleged abuse is reported, the individual service record must reflect the fact that an oral or written report has been made to the child protective services of the department of children, youth, and families, or to a law enforcement agency within the timelines identified in chapter 26.44 RCW. This note must include the date and time that the report was made, the agency to which it was made, and the signature of the person making the report. Contents of the report need not be included in the individual service record.

(3) Agencies that provide child long-term inpatient treatment services are exempt from the requirement in WAC 246-341-1131 to admit individuals needing treatment seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

(4) An agency providing short-term involuntary services to youth, which are not contracted as a CLIP facility, may provide treatment for a child on a 180-day inpatient involuntary commitment order only until the child is discharged from the order to the community, or until a bed is available for that child in a CLIP facility.

(5) An agency providing evaluation and treatment services must follow the service standards for inpatient and residential mental health services in WAC 246-341-1105.

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