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WAC 246-341-1138 Mental health inpatient services—Child long-term inpatient program (CLIP). In addition to meeting the evaluation and treatment service requirements of WAC 246-341-1134, child long-term inpatient treatment facilities must develop a written plan for assuring that services provided are appropriate to the developmental needs of children, including all of the following:

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

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

(7) 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.

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

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) Disciplinary measures must be documented in the clinical record.

(9) 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.

(10) 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 and department phone numbers must be available to personnel and staff.

(11) When suspected or alleged abuse is reported, the clinical 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 time-lines 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 medical record.

(12) Agencies that provide child long-term inpatient treatment services are exempt from the requirement in WAC 246-341-1060 to admit individuals needing treatment seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71.24.037, 71.05.560, 71.34.380, 18.205.160, 71.24.037 and chapters 71.05, 71.24, and 71.34 RCW. WSR 21-12-042, § 246-341-1138, filed 5/25/21, effective 7/1/21. Statutory Authority: 2018 c 201 and 2018 c 291. WSR 19-09-062, § 246-341-1138, filed 4/16/19, effective 5/17/19.]