

10A NCAC 27G .1804 MINIMUM STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

- (a) A Qualified Professional shall be available by telephone or page. A direct care staff shall be able to reach the facility within 30 minutes at all times.
- (b) If children or adolescents are cared for in separate units/buildings, the minimum staffing numbers shall apply to each unit/building.
- (c) The minimum number of direct care staff required when children or adolescents are present and awake is as follows:
 - (1) three direct care staff shall be present for up to six children or adolescents;
 - (2) four direct care staff shall be present for seven, eight or nine children or adolescents; and
 - (3) five direct care staff shall be present for 10, 11 or 12 children or adolescents.
- (d) During child or adolescent sleep hours three direct care staff shall be present of which two shall be awake and the third may be asleep.
- (e) In addition to the minimum number of direct care staff set forth in Paragraphs (a)-(d) of this Rule, more direct care staff may be required in the facility based on the child or adolescent's individual needs as specified in the treatment plan.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 122C-26; 143B-147;
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