## SECTION .5500 - SHELTERED WORKSHOPS FOR INDIVIDUALS OF ALL DISABILITY GROUPS

## 10A NCAC 27G .5501 SCOPE

- (a) A sheltered workshop is a day/night facility which provides work-oriented services including various combinations of evaluation, developmental skills training, vocational adjustment, job placement, and sheltered employment to individuals of all disability groups 16 years of age or over who have potential for gainful employment. Sheltered workshops also may be known as Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRPs).
- (b) This service is designed for individuals who have demonstrated that they do not require the intensive training and structure found in programs such as Adult Developmental and Vocational Programs (ADVP) but have not yet acquired the skills necessary for competitive employment. It provides the individual opportunity to acquire and maintain life skills including appropriate work habits, specific job skills, self-help skills, socialization skills, and communication skills.
- (c) This service focuses on productive work activities for individuals who have potential for gainful employment as determined by Vocational Rehabilitation Services or the ability to participate in a sheltered employment program. Sheltered workshops are subject to Department of Labor Federal Wage and Hour Guidelines for the Handicapped.
- (d) The Rules in this Section specify licensure requirements applicable to sheltered workshops which serve individuals who are primarily mentally retarded or otherwise developmentally disabled; however, individuals with mental illness, with substance abuse disorders and severely physically disabled individuals may also be served within a sheltered workshop.

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