

## SECTION .0500 - SERVICE PLANNING

### 10A NCAC 70I .0501 ADMISSION POLICIES

- (a) A residential child-care facility shall have written admission policies which define and describe the age, sex and type of child to be served.
- (b) The residential child-care facility shall limit admissions to children who need out of home care apart from their families and for whom the facility is qualified by staff, program, buildings and services to give appropriate care.
- (c) In the case of private referrals, the residential child-care facility shall:
- (1) document reasonable efforts to prevent placement;
  - (2) establish that the facility provides the least restrictive setting for the child; and
  - (3) develop and implement an out-of-home family services agreement with the child's family for reunification, when possible.
- (d) In the case of out-of-state referrals (both public and private), the residential child-care facility shall not admit a child to the facility without the approval of Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children.
- (e) The residential child-care facility shall provide each applicant a handbook of admission procedures which includes:
- (1) a description of the admissions process;
  - (2) the application, including any fees for services;
  - (3) the preplacement activities for the child, parents, guardian or legal custodian; and
  - (4) an explanation of the group assignment method.
- (f) The residential child-care facility shall maintain a referral log which includes:
- (1) child's name, age, sex, and race;
  - (2) names of parents, guardian or legal custodian; and
  - (3) disposition of admission.

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