

### **10A NCAC 27G .1903 OPERATIONS**

- (a) A PRTF may have more than one residential unit. Each unit of a PRTF shall serve no more than 12 children or adolescents except as set out in Paragraph (b) of this Rule. Each residential unit shall be administered, staffed, and located to function separately from all other residential units in the facility.
- (b) A facility licensed to provide PRTF services with a unit capacity of greater than 12, as of the effective date of these Rules may continue to provide these services at that greater capacity and may continue to renew its license at that greater capacity.
- (c) Discharge planning shall begin on the day of admission. Efforts for discharge to a less restrictive community residential setting shall be documented from the date of admission. Legally responsible persons, family members or both and the child or adolescent shall be present at discharge planning meetings.
- (d) Each facility shall operate 24-hours a day, seven days a week and each day of the year.
- (e) Family members or other legally responsible persons shall be involved in the development and implementation of treatment plans in order to assure a smooth transition to a less restrictive setting.
- (f) Children or adolescents residing in a PRTF shall receive educational services through a facility-based school. Educational services shall meet applicable standards as required by federal and State law.
- (g) Each child or adolescent shall be entitled to age-appropriate personal belongings unless such entitlement is counter-indicated in the treatment plan.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 143B-147;  
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Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. July 20, 2019.