



# Tier Level of Care Guidelines for Registered Facilities

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## CONTRACT RATE GUIDANCE FOR TJJD-REGISTERED FACILITIES

*Effective September 1, 2018*

EXHIBIT B

Juvenile probation departments may pay the best rate they are able to negotiate when contracting with a facility that is registered with TJJD. TJJD provides the following recommended levels of care guidelines for probation departments to consider when negotiating rates.

In all levels of care, services should be designed and offered in a manner that is responsive to each youth's unique strengths and needs.

Moderate Level of Care		Specialized Level of Care		Intensive Level of Care	
Service	Minimum Frequency	Service	Minimum Frequency	Service	Minimum Frequency
Individual Therapy	One 50-minute session every other week	Individual Therapy	One 50-minute session per week or every other week	Individual Therapy	One 50-minute session per week
Group Therapy	Two 50-minute sessions per week	Group Therapy	Two to three 50-minute sessions per week	Group Therapy	Three 50-minute sessions per week
Family Therapy	One 50-minute session per month	Family Therapy	One 50-minute session per month	Family Therapy	Two 50-minute sessions per month
Skills/Pscho-educational	Three 50-minute sessions per week	Skills/Pscho-educational	Three 50-minute sessions per week	Skills/Pscho-educational	Three 50-minute sessions per week
Psychiatric Consultation	Upon referral, as needed	Psychiatric Consultation	Upon referral, as needed	Psychiatric Consultation	Initial (within 30 days) and upon referral, as needed
Documentation/ Review	Monthly, upon discharge	Documentation/ Review	Monthly, upon discharge	Documentation/ Review	Monthly, upon discharge***
<p>144 total treatment hours based on 6 mo. length of stay and 24 treatment hours per month.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p>Occurs in a structured, trauma-informed, residential treatment setting designed to improve the child's functioning. Non-secure setting is strongly preferred. Services are culturally and linguistically competent and youth and family-centered.</p>		<p>252 total treatment hours based on 9 mo. length of stay and 28 treatment hours per month</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p>Occurs in a highly structured, trauma-informed, residential treatment setting designed to improve the child's functioning. Services are culturally and linguistically competent and youth- and family-centered.</p>		<p>Averages 35 treatment hours per month. Total treatment hours are based on need.</p> <p>***Youth at an intense level of care require transition to clearly planned and documented step-down or aftercare services. These hours are not included in the monthly recommendations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</b></p> <p>Occurs in a highly specialized, trauma-informed, residential therapeutic setting that serves a clearly-identified unique population of youth with a focus typically on short-term intervention or psychiatric stabilization. Services are culturally and linguistically competent and youth and family-centered.</p>	



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Moderate Level of Care	Specialized Level of Care	Intensive Level of Care
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes involvement in age-appropriate structured activities and education and rehabilitation services and supervision and guidance that is more than routine in order to ensure the child's physical and emotional safety. Intervention from clinical professionals and appropriately trained/certified paraprofessionals is designed to maintain or improve functioning appropriate to the child's needs, age, and development.</li> <li>• Services reflect a range of treatment and rehabilitative interventions, including: individual and family therapy, ongoing assessment, skills building, psychoeducational programming, individualized educational services, and social and recreational activities.</li> <li>• Treatment is based on individual assessment and is responsive to documented needs. May include focus on specialized populations, not limited to mental health, substance use, or sexual behavior treatment.</li> <li>• Appropriate youth include those who display one of more of the following: occasional physical aggression, frequent non-violent misbehavior, minor self-injurious acts, and/or moderate risk of harm to self or others. Youth requiring substance abuse treatment are those at risk of developing substantial problems without intervention or those with a history of substance abuse disorder requiring aftercare and relapse prevention. Youth requiring sexual behavior treatment include those with moderate treatment needs.</li> <li>• Requires monthly status reviews, monthly written summary of progress, and written summary of progress and transition plan upon discharge to the juvenile probation officer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes involvement in age-appropriate structured activities and education and rehabilitation services and supervision and guidance that is highly structured and that provides 24-hour monitoring in order to ensure the child's physical and emotional safety. Intervention from professionals and appropriately trained/certified paraprofessionals is designed to attain or improve functioning appropriate to the child's needs, age, and development.</li> <li>• Services reflect a full range of treatment and rehabilitative interventions, including: individual and family therapy, ongoing assessment, skills building, psychoeducational programming, individualized educational services, and social and recreational activities.</li> <li>• Treatment is based on individual assessment and is responsive to documented needs. Focus includes specialized populations, not limited to mental health, substance use, or sexual behavior treatment. Includes services for multiple or complex needs.</li> <li>• Appropriate youth include those who display one of more of the following: frequent or unpredictable acts of aggression, frequent and unpredictable non-violent misbehavior, markedly withdrawn or isolated, serious self-injurious behaviors and/or recent suicide attempts, and/or behaviors that present a significant risk of harm to self or others. Youth may have specialized treatment needs in one or more of the following areas: mental health, substance use that causes severe impairment or a primary diagnosis of abuse or dependency, co-occurring disorders, and/or a high need for sexual behavior treatment.</li> <li>• Requires monthly status reviews and monthly written summary of progress. Also requires written summary of progress, transition plans, and (as needed) referrals upon discharge to the juvenile probation officer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes involvement in age-appropriate structured activities and education and rehabilitation services and supervision that provides 24-hour monitoring and that may include one-to-one supervision with the ability to provide immediate on-site response. Supervision is provided in order to ensure the child's physical and emotional safety. Intervention from staff with highly specialized training and/or licensure is designed to provide intense therapeutic interventions and improve functioning appropriate to the child's needs, age, and development.</li> <li>• Services are designed specifically for each youth within the specialized population to effectively assess, stabilize, manage, and treat this population in a developmentally-appropriate fashion. Appropriately licensed medical, mental health, or other designated professionals manage and administer this intensive service model.</li> <li>• Treatment is based on individual assessment and is responsive to documented needs with a focus on highly specialized populations. Assessment of continued need for treatment at this level is ongoing and documented.</li> <li>• Appropriate youth include those who display severe deficits in functioning and exhibit one or more of the following: extreme acts of physical aggression causing harm, reoccurring major self-injurious acts or serious suicide attempts, other behavioral difficulties that present a critical risk of harm to self or others, and/or severely impaired reality testing or communication skills. Youth have needs for highly specialized, complex treatment in one or more areas.</li> <li>• Requires monthly status reviews and monthly written summary of progress. Discharge requirements include: review with probation officer and/or family and detailed written summary of progress, transition/aftercare plans, and linkage to appropriate services.</li> </ul>



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## RATES FOR DFPS-LICENSED AND OUT-OF-STATE FACILITIES

RATES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

LEVEL OF CARE	PLACEMENT TYPE	DAILY RATE
<b>BASIC</b>	CPA	\$49.54
	RTC	\$45.19
<b>MODERATE</b>	CPA	\$87.36
	RTC	\$108.18
<b>SPECIALIZED</b>	CPA	\$110.10
	RTC	\$197.69
<b>INTENSE</b>	CPA	\$186.42
	RTC	\$277.37
<b>INTENSE PLUS</b>	RTC	\$400.72
<b>EMERGENCY SHELTER</b>	ES	\$137.30

**INTENSE PLUS SERVICE LEVEL** is designed to address chronically serious to severe emotional and/or behavioral management problems that interfere with the child’s ability to function in a family, school, or community setting outside of a therapeutic environment. Children at this level do not generally function socially in an appropriate manner and have emotional functioning that is largely incongruent with chronological age. Additionally, children at this level frequently have serious to severe outbursts that make it difficult for them to participate in routines or to accept responsibility for their behavior.

Additional detailed information, including the characteristics and history of children requiring this level of service that make treatment at a lower service level unsuccessful, may be found in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, §700.2365 and §700.2367.



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Additional information regarding **PLACEMENT TYPES** and their respective rates:

The **CHILD PLACING AGENCY (CPA) RATE** applies to any facility licensed as a Child Placing Agency, an Independent Foster Family Home, or an Independent Foster Group Home.

Child Placing Agencies are persons or organizations, other than a child's natural parent or guardian, who plan for the placement of a child, or who place a child, in a child care operation, foster home, or adoptive home.

Foster Family Homes provide 24-hour care for 6 or fewer children under 18 years old.

Foster Group Homes provide 24-hour care for 7-12 children under 18 years old.

The **RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY (RTC) RATE** applies to all other residential facilities (e.g., residential treatment centers, halfway houses, basic child care facilities, therapeutic camps, etc.). The following are detailed descriptions of RTC settings:

**Emergency Shelter:** An operation that provides 24-hour care in a short-term setting (less than 30 days) for 13 or more children.

**Residential Treatment Center:** An operation that provides 24-hour care and treatment for 13 or more children with emotional disturbances.

**Therapeutic Camp:** An operation that provides 24-hour care through a camping program for 13 or more children age 7 or older. It is designed to provide an experiential therapeutic environment for children who cannot function in their home schools or communities.

**Operation Serving Children with Intellectual Developmental Disability:** An operation that provides 24-hour care for 13 or more children. The children in care are significantly below average in general intellectual functioning and have deficits in adaptive behavior.

**Halfway House:** An operation that provides 24-hour care through transitional living services for no more than 24 children age 15 or older. The purpose of this operation is to prepare older children for independent living.

**Maternity Home:** An operation that provides 24-hour care for 4 or more minor and/or adult women and their children during pregnancy and/or during the six-week postpartum period.