

# Practice Alert



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## **Qualified Residential Treatment Program Aftercare Services**

This Practice Alert is to notify all parties of the requirements pertaining to aftercare services upon a child's discharge from a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP).

When children discharge from a QRTP facility, the QRTP provider is required to provide aftercare services as a requirement of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA).

**Placements following discharge from a QRTP setting in which aftercare services are required to be offered are as follows:**

- 1. Foster homes,**
- 2. Elevated needs homes,**
- 3. Department of Mental Health host homes,**
- 4. Department of Mental Health independent supported living ,**
- 5. Transitional living programs, and**
- 6. Trial home visits with a parent or guardian.**

Case Managers should inform Family Support Teams and placement providers of this requirement prior to the placement of a child in a QRTP setting. Aftercare services should be integrated into the child's service plan and considered a necessary component in supporting the child's transition and stability in a new setting.

In the event that a placement provider, parent, or guardian refuses to participate in required aftercare services, the refusal shall be documented in the official case file and notice must be sent to the Residential Care Screening Team (RCST) who services the county of jurisdiction in which the child is from.

For a comprehensive outline of the services and requirements for QRTP Aftercare, please refer to the Residential Treatment Services Contract.

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