

Group Home/Group Setting Registration Meeting
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BMCW Region 2 Office
6111 N. Teutonia Ave.
Questions and Answers

1. Q: If there are licensing issues with my group home, who can I talk with?

A: Contact the Bureau of Regulation & Licensing and they will assist you in discussing any licensing issues you may be experiencing. The phone number is 262-521-5100.

2. Q: Is it necessary to change the licensing to take the specific groups of children BMCW identifies even if we have been approved already?

A: It is not necessary to change the license if your current license reflects the population you are serving.

3. Q: Do you have to be registered to do business with BMCW?

A: Yes, you must be registered with BMCW to be considered as a placement option for the youth served by BMCW.

4. Q: Will we be required to provide any specialized staffing and training under this system? Will staffing patterns be dictated?

A: A group home or group setting that is interested in providing care to a specialized population must develop a work plan that includes all the requirements for each specialized category of youth they are interested in serving. Specialized group settings and group homes should be staffed at 3:1 staff/youth ratio and generalized group settings and homes should be staffed at 4:1 staff/youth ratio. In all instances, group homes and group settings must ensure adequate coverage to meet the programming requirements of general and specialized settings.

5. Q: Will current placements remain the same? What about Wraparound kids—can they be “mixed” with BMCW youth? Please clarify.

A: BMCW will not disrupt current placements that are working well for youth. BMCW will be evaluating the placement of BMCW youth and those youth who are involved in Wraparound services. The BMCW will allow placement of youth who are on a CHIPS order receiving court ordered BMCW wraparound services and BMCW youth on a CHIPS order.

6. Q: What do we do if we want to change the population we serve or services?

A: You will need to re-register if you change your programming or the population you want to serve.

7. Q: Clarify two hours of contact with a master's level professional staff per week; is it one-on-one or can it be group therapy?

A: The contact can be a combination of individual and group therapy.

8. Q: Is registration open at any time?

A: Yes, the registration process is an open process.

9. Q: Isn't this exclusivity for BMCW children? "Are we not just buying beds"?

A: BMCW cannot "buy beds;" however, payment is made for individual placements in group settings.

10. Q: How long does the registration process take?

A: As soon as the registration packet is received and approved by BMCW, you will be registered. The process will take 5 to 7 days and will include a site visit.

11. Q: Can you have generalized or specialized children?

A: You can only operate a facility under one type of program. If you have more than one facility, you may have more than one type of program in operation but it needs to be individual to the facility and registered separately.

12. Q: Are we limiting capacity?

A: We will place the number of youth in a facility according to the capacity of the license. We are not limiting the number of facilities that may register.

13. Q: What if there are violations in another of our homes, will this affect the home we are now registering for?

A: BMCW will look at the overall context of the violations for each agency; however, the facility that is being identified for registration is the one that we will verify as being in good standing with BRL.

14. Q: Did you know that licenses don't change once you have passed probation?

A: BRL indicated that this information is correct. When BMCW confirms with BRL your good standing, they will confirm the license is valid.