



How QRTPs Impact Congregate Care

A Guide to What Can Be Expected

Being certified as a QRTP means that a licensed residential treatment center or group home has applied for an additional certification, and the program meets the following QRTP certification criteria:



Trauma Informed Treatment Model:

Implements a trauma-informed treatment model to address the emotional and behavioral needs of children.



24/7 Nursing:

Has onsite or available registered or licensed nursing staff to provide care within the scope of their practice 24/7.



Family-Based Supportive Aftercare Services:

Provides 6-months of post-discharge family supportive aftercare services to prevent gaps of services from occurring.



Accreditation:

Accredited by an independent, not-for-profit organization to meet higher standards of care and service delivery.



Family Participation:

Has policies and procedures on how family will participate in a child's treatment program and decision making.

Facilities certified as a QRTP allow the state to obtain:

Partial federal IV-E fund reimbursement provided by the Family First PSA to avoid loss of state dollars used to pay for care.

Placement of children in certified QRTPs require the local child welfare agency and court system to:

Ensure the placement is needed for the youth to receive quality care and treatment to meet their mental health, emotional, and behavioral needs.

Ensure that youth and family have an active role in determining the appropriateness of placement in a QRTP.



How does QRTP Certification affect the congregate care system?

Enhances interventions by identifying and implementing a trauma-informed treatment model.

Requires facilities to include families in the decision making and treatment planning of services provided.

Supports transitions to community-based or in-home services by addressing gaps in services, post-discharge.

Allows for Wisconsin to receive funding to offset some of the costs associated with the care of a youth receiving services in a QRTP.

QRTP Certification does not create RCC and group home capacity.

QRTP Certification does not determine models, structure, or delivery of services.

The Department of Children and Families is committed to continuing to develop strategies to serve the needs of our most vulnerable youth, in-state, because children belong within their own communities and families.