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NRTC participates in permanency planning and aftercare with the youth, families, placing agency, clinical providers, education staff and support staff.

Placing Agency

NRTC accepts placements from the Montgomery County Juvenile who takes care and control of the youth prior to placement or youth in the custody of Montgomery County Children Services. The placing agency assumes responsibility of compliance measure applicable through the Ohio Administrative Code and the Ohio Revised Code of out-of-home placements. NRTC follows the orders and directives of the placing agencies per our Individual Child Care Agreement contract. NRTC makes recommendations to our placing agencies regarding permanency planning, ongoing treatment and aftercare services.

Aftercare

Contact and family-based discharge planning begins in partnership with the legal custodial agency the day the youth enters the program. NRTC supports youth and families as they move through the program by having monthly Treatment Team meetings, family therapy sessions and regular contact with probation and case management staff as needed.

NRTC provides a transition phase that allows youth to gradually transition back into the community to reunify with family, pre-finalized adoptive family, kinship care, and foster care, or enter into independent living. During this time, the team focuses on building those connections and working with the youth and family to maintain success and finalize a discharge plan.

Once a youth is discharged, NRTC probation officers will make monthly contact to continue to aid and support the youth and families. They may assist youth and families in additional referrals as necessary.

1. NRTC provides discharge planning and family-based aftercare supports for all youth discharged from the facility to a family-based setting for six months after discharge, even if child reaches 18.
 - a. Discharge planning will be documented in the Residential Treatment Information System (RTIS).
 - b. NRTC is exempt from providing aftercare support if the youth's placement is less than fourteen days.

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- c. NRTC probation officers will collaborate and coordinate engagement with any applicable community providers serving the youth and family. They will be available for ongoing consultation to the community providers as needed.
 - d. NRTC probation officers will document supports and any involvement with community providers. All documentation is to be kept in the youth's file.
- 2. Family-based aftercare support is defined as individualized, community-based, trauma-informed supports that build on treatment gains to promote the safety and well-being of youth and families, with the goal of preserving the youth in a supportive family environment.
 - a. NRTC will maintain monthly aftercare contact to support and evaluate the family's needs and promote engagement.
 - b. Aftercare supports will be provided within the youth or family's community as appropriate to promote the continuity of care for the youth.
 - c. Aftercare supports are driven by the youth, the caregivers, and the family as appropriate.
 - d. Monthly contact can be face to face, by phone, or other electronic means. Aftercare supports and progress are to be documented by probation staff in RTIS.
 - e. If contact is attempted and is not successful, NRTC will document the attempts.
 - i. Continued contact is not necessary if a youth enters another institution or residential care at the time of termination.