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NRTC Referral and Admission Policy

NRTC's admission policy specifies the type of youth who will be accepted into the facility and the conditions under which a youth would not be accepted. The referral process is conducted in an honest and ethical manner, following all established Bench Card guidelines and as outlined in this policy. All accepted and rejected referrals are handled objectively. Personal interests and preferential treatment during referral consideration is strictly prohibited. Making or accepting payment or other considerations in the referral process is strictly prohibited. Referrals are reviewed in the order they are received. NRTC will maintain a waiting list once full capacity is met. When a bed becomes available, NRTC will reach out to our placing agencies and priority will be given to whom the placing agencies feels is in most urgent need of services.

NRTC will accept and review referrals from The Montgomery County Juvenile Court, to include Probation Services, and The Montgomery County Job and Family Services – Children's Services Division only. Accepted referrals will meet the established criteria outlined in this policy and in the Bench Card without exceptions and no matter the referral source.

Referrals made to NRTC are sent to NRTCReferrals@mcjcoho.org. Persons included in this group include the Director, Program Manager, Operations Manager, Business Manager, South Community Program Manager and the Education Lead Teacher. All parties review for appropriateness and eligibility, when applicable. All referrals are tracked by the Business Manager.

Other Court referrals, such as ones from Probation Services, may be reviewed during a Probation process called Formal Review. These referrals may or may not come through NRTCReferrals@mcjcoho.org as an NRTC representative participates in Formal Review weekly, or as scheduled.

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Referrals

NRTC accepts males and females between the ages of 11-17. These youth may have been adjudicated delinquent and/or unruly. They may also be in the custody of Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, Children's Services Department. They must be residents of Montgomery County and may or may not be under probation supervision by the Montgomery County Juvenile Court. These youth have generally not responded to the correctional efforts offered by the public schools, various outpatient counseling services, or other forms of supervision provided by the Court or Montgomery County Children's Services placements. The prospective youth and their parent/guardian's information must be received prior to acceptance into the program. Consideration for placement is based upon the following:

1. The parent/guardian's ability and desire to actively participate in treatment.
2. The youth's ability to respond in an open treatment setting.
3. NRTC's ability to respond to the youth's pattern of delinquent and behavioral health needs.
4. If the youth is on an IEP or has received a neuropsychological assessment, the IEP, ETR, MFE, and neuropsychological assessment will be reviewed by the educational staff to determine whether or not the youth's educational needs can be met within the facility.
5. NRTC will accommodate all Court referrals as appropriate with consideration to youth and Court needs. Accommodations are appropriate if it better suits a youth, family, and/or the Court.

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Rejected Referrals

- NRTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, or disability. The Court may divert the following on a case by case basis to other programs that more appropriately meet their individual needs; non-ambulatory youth, those with active suicidal and/or homicidal ideation, some persistent mental health issues, pregnant youth, sexual offending or fire setting issues on a case by case basis.
- If a youth is determined to be pregnant once in placement, they will be neutrally discharged upon a confirmation of the pregnancy. If services are still needed, youth may return to the program once the youth is no longer pregnant.

Nicholas Residential Treatment Center

The Mission and Vision of the Nicholas Residential Treatment Center (NRTC) is to assist at-risk youth in becoming productive, responsible citizens through providing diverse, comprehensive treatment and rehabilitative services to the youth and their family, and to reduce or eliminate the youth's involvement in the juvenile justice and/or child welfare systems.

NRTC places value on taking an inclusive, engaging approach with youth, staff and the community; empowering youth to shape their futures, embracing employee diversity and encouraging involvement with policy formation and decision making, and ensuring regular communication and strategic participation with our stakeholders and community partners.

NRTC is a twenty-four hour, non-secure residential facility that offers behavioral intervention, substance abuse, and mental health treatment for males and females, age 11 to 17, who reside in Montgomery County. Facility capacity is 25. NRTC accepts referrals from the Montgomery County Juvenile Court (MCJC) and Montgomery County Job and Family Services, Children's Service Division (MCJFS-CSD). NRTC is a setting for youth who have not thrived in services or interventions offered by the Court, schools, or outpatient services. NRTC's programming is specifically designed to treat at-risk youth facing serious behavioral, mental health, and drug and alcohol abuse/dependency issues.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Males and Females
- 11-17 years of age
- Adjudicated delinquent and in the Care and Control of the MCJC or in the custody of MCJFS-CSD
- Documented IQ of 70 or above or ability to accommodate IEP

Exclusionary Criteria:

- Active and/or persistent suicidal and/or homicidal ideation
- Some persistent mental health diagnoses
- Significant medical diagnoses to include non-ambulatory and pregnancy
- Fire Setting cases will be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Adjudicated Sex Offenders cannot be considered. Sexualized behavior cases will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Programs	Program Information	Length
Behavioral and Therapeutic Intervention	Risk and needs are addressed through the use of evidence-based cognitive behavioral and trauma-informed care models in treatment planning and case management services. Mental health diagnoses are clinically managed through the facility's partnership with South Community, Inc. Treatment frequency and LOC changes are individually determined. Individual and family therapy, education, and vocation are strong components. Integration back into the community and home is facilitated,	1-14 days, short-term 45 days, abbreviated 6-12 months, full-program

	when applicable. Progress toward successful completion is based on a youth's individual progress and behavioral compliance and/or the needs of placing agency.	
Substance Abuse	Eligible youth have received a Substance Abuse Disorder diagnosis that is clinically managed through the facility's partnership with South Community, Inc. Programming is short-term and intensive where youth shall receive a minimum of 20 hours of substance abuse and co-occurring disorder treatment weekly with primary focus on the Seven Challenges curriculum.	45 days