

Admissions Criteria

The Specialized Treatment Facility is a psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) that provides twenty-four (24) hour residential services to Mississippi adolescents 13-18 years old with the following:

- ♦ A diagnosable psychiatric disorder
- ♦ IQ of 60 or above, unless there is substantial evidence that the IQ score is suppressed due to psychiatric illness
- ♦ Need for long-term residential services as evidenced by at least one of the following:
 - failure to respond to less restrictive treatment in the last three (3) months; or
 - adequate less restrictive treatment options are not available in child's community; or
 - child is in an acute care facility whose professional staff advise that residential treatment is needed

STF does not provide services to adolescents who are in need of acute/emergency psychiatric services, have a primary diagnosis of substance abuse, or have unresolved criminal charges.

Referrals for admission must include:

- ♦ A psychiatric or psychological evaluation performed by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist with diagnosis completed no more than 60 days prior to referral; older evaluations will need an updated addendum documenting diagnosis, behaviors, symptoms, clinical summation and level of care recommendation
- ♦ A recommendation for long-term residential treatment from the referring physician
- ♦ If not included in the evaluation, a separate assessment of intellectual functioning documenting IQ completed within the last year by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist
- ♦ Additional assessments and documentation supporting the current need for long-term residential treatment due to severe behavioral, emotional, and/or family disturbances. This may include records regarding medical needs, previous psychiatric treatment, legal involvement, education, social history, etc. Focus should be on behaviors and symptoms displayed in the 3 months prior to referral

As specified in Mississippi statute, admissions are through involuntary commitment or upon transfer from another Department of Mental Health program. Adolescents under the age of 14 who meet all other criteria may also be voluntarily admitted as applicable by state statute.

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