



Definitions Regarding Types of Placements

"Child-placing agency" means any agency licensed by the cabinet, which supervises the placement of children in foster family homes or child-caring facilities, or which places children for adoption

"Child-caring facility" means any institution or group home, including institutions and group homes that are publicly operated, providing residential care on a twenty-four (24) Hour basis to children, not related by blood, adoption, or marriage to the person maintaining the facility, other than an institution or group home certified by an appropriate agency as operated primarily for educational or medical purposes, or a residential program operated or contracted by the Department of Juvenile Justice that maintains accreditation, or obtains accreditation within two (2) years of opening from a nationally recognized accrediting organization;

"Foster family home" means a private home in which children are placed for foster family care under supervision of the cabinet or of a licensed child-placing agency.

"Group home" means a homelike facility, excluding Department of Juvenile Justice operated or contracted facilities, for not more than eight (8) foster children, not adjacent to or part of an institutional campus, operated by a sponsoring agency for children who may participate in community activities and use community resources.

"Institution" means a child-caring facility providing care or maintenance for nine (9) or more children.

"Emergency shelter" means a group home or similar homelike facility that provides temporary or emergency care for children and has adequate staff and services to meet the needs of each resident child.

"Residential child-caring facility" means an institution or group home providing twenty-four (24) hour care.

"Family residential treatment program" means intensive professional assessment and treatment-oriented services provided by a residential treatment facility to a family unit in order to prevent out-of-home placement, or to facilitate family reunification.

"Crisis intervention unit" means a unit operated to serve a child in need of short-term intensive treatment and to avoid risk of placement to a higher level of care.

"Psychiatric residential treatment facility" (PRTF) means a licensed, community-based, and home-like facility with a maximum of eight (8) beds which provides inpatient psychiatric residential treatment to residents who have an emotional disability or severe emotional disability as defined in KRS 200.503, age six (6) years to twenty-one (21) Years with an age range of no greater than five (5) years in a living unit.