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**RE: PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES (PRTFs)
APPROVED TO PROVIDE SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (PL 108-446) and Article 9 of Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes require that the Department of Public Instruction monitor and approve non-public schools and facilities that provide special education and related services to children with disabilities placed in a PRTF through the Local Management Entity (LME) / Managed Care Organization (MCO).

According to North Carolina legislation, licensed PRTFs shall ensure that educational services are provided to any child residing in the facility, including special education and related services to a student with a disability. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and PRTFs must work collaboratively in the areas of information sharing, Child Find, reevaluation and transition at discharge.

All students with disabilities placed in PRTFs are entitled to the same rights and procedural safeguards as outlined in *North Carolina Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities*. These rights and protections include provisions that the students' IEP services are aligned to the general education curriculum and establish measures of performance and outcomes consistent with those of their nondisabled peers.

A directory of approved PRTFs in North Carolina is attached for your use. If you have any questions, please contact Glendora Hagins, Monitor and Liaison for Non-Public Schools in Policy, Monitoring and Audit Section, at (910) 417-5915.

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Attachments

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Directory of Approved Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs)

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Directory of Approved Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs)

Agency/Educational Program	Director/Administrator	County Locations
Alexander Youth Network 6220 Thermal Road Charlotte, NC 20211	Sarah Bishop-Cummings NMT/Education Coordinator 704-362-8472	Mecklenburg
Barium Springs Home for Children Barium Springs Academy 156 Frazier Loop Statesville, NC 28677	Donna Siegle Academic Coordinator 980-635-3394	Iredell
Brynn Marr Hospital Village Academy 192 Village Drive Jacksonville, NC 28546	Doreen Tinkelpaugh Lead Teacher 910-577- 1400	Onslow
Canyon Hills Treatment Facility Canyon Hills Academy 769 Aberdeen Road Raeford, NC 28376	Stephanie McFayden Education Director 910-878-1502	Hoke
Cornerstone Treatment Facility 129 Wallace Road Wadesboro, NC 28170	Kimberly Blevins Director of Education and EC Services 910-916-7499	Anson
Cornerstone Treatment Facility Hope Gardens Treatment Center 1958 Turnpike Rd. Raeford, NC 28376	Kimberly Blevins Director of Education and EC Services 910-916-7499	Hoke
CTSP, Inc. Jackson Springs Treatment Center 778 Hoffman Rd. West End, NC 27376	Kimberly Blevins Director of Education and EC Services 910-916-7499	Moore
Eliada Homes, Inc. 2 Compton Drive Asheville, NC 288026	Vicky Matthews EC Teacher/Education Coordinator 828-254-5356 ext. 365	Buncombe
NOVA PRTF Five Points Education and Training Center 2002 Shackelford Road P.O. Box 2277 Kinston, NC 28501	Kathy Ham Education Coordinator 252-233-0491	Lenoir

Premier Healthcare Services Grace House Treatment Center 1892 Turnpike Rd. Raeford, NC 28376	Kimberly Blevins Director of Education and EC Services 910-916-7499	Hoke
Premier Services of the Carolinas Premier Academy 109 Penny Lane Albemarle, NC	Robert Freeman Program Administrator 704-985-1178	Stanly
Strategic Behavioral Center Strategic Academy 1715 Sharon Road West Charlotte, NC 28210	Matt Simon Clinical Director 704-944-0650 Mary Wright EC Teacher 704-944-0650	Mecklenburg
Strategic Behavioral Center Strategic Academy 3200 Waterfield Drive Garner, NC 27529	Bob Smith Clinical Director 919-800-4400 Carolyn King Education Director 919-800-4400	Wake
Strategic Behavioral Center Strategic Academy 2050 Mercantile Drive Leland, NC 28451	Kim Hinson Director of Education 910-371-2500	Brunswick
Thompson Child and Family Focus The School of Thompson 6730 Saint Peters Lane Matthews, NC 28015	Donita Foster Director of PRTF and Educational Services 704-644-4423	Mecklenburg
Veritas Collaborative, LLC 4024 Stirrup Creek Drive Durham, NC 27703	Mindy Elliott Hospital Education Manager 919-908-9779	Durham
Youth Focus 1601 Huffine Mill Road Greensboro, NC 27405	Meaghan Whitson Director of Clinical Services 336-333-6853 Toika Neese Lead Teacher 336-375-8333	Guilford