

# **Clinical Documentation Standards for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs)**

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# **Learning Objectives**

- Understand the minimum required elements of clinical documentation for STRTPs according to current STRTP regulations: <u>https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/STRTP-Regulations-version-II.pdf</u>.
- Identify the required elements of an STRTP Mental Health chart.
- Know the timelines to complete required documents, including: Mental Health Assessment, CANS, Admission Statement, Treatment Plan, Progress Notes, and Transition Determination Plan.
- Describe three (3) major changes to STRTPs, resulting from the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFSPA).

# ♥< Agenda

9:00-9:05 - Introduction and orientation to webinar.

9:05-10:15 - Review required chart elements and documentation standards for the Assessment, Admission Statement, and Treatment Plan.

10:15-10:30 - Break

10:30-11:30 - Review documentation standards for Progress Notes, Clinical Review, Medication Services and Transition Determination Plan.

11:30-11:45 - Break

11:45-12:00 - Discuss changes resulting from the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA).

12:00-12:30 - Q&A.



# **Mental Health Treatment Services**

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Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program

- (a) The STRTP shall provide structured mental health treatment services in the day and evening, seven (7) days per week, according to the child's individual needs as indicated in the child's treatment plan.
- (b) The STRTP shall be able to directly provide the following mental health treatment services onsite, for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and equivalent services for children who are not Medi-Cal beneficiaries:
  - (1) Crisis Intervention
  - (2) Mental Health Services
  - (3) Targeted Case Management

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- The STRTP shall make available the following mental health treatment services according to the child's treatment plan:
  - (1) Day Treatment Intensive
  - (2) Day Rehabilitation
  - (3) Medication Support Services
  - (4) EPSDT services

(5) Psychiatric nursing services, which shall include, but not be limited to, nursing assessments, taking vital signs, monitoring vital signs, coordinating medical care, administering, dispensing, and furnishing medication, and other services.

>Psychiatric nursing services shall be provided by a registered nurse, licensed, or vocational nurse, licensed psychiatric technician, or another licensed professional acting within the scope of their practice.



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- "Make available" means that the STRTP mental health program either directly provides the services or provides access to services from other providers.
- A child may receive services offsite from other providers to meet the child's needs as described in the child's treatment plan.
- If a child is a Medi-Cal beneficiary and the STRTP is not certified to provide a specialty mental health service that is medically necessary for that child, the STRTP shall arrange for the child to receive the service through the mental health plan with responsibility for providing or arranging for specialty mental health services for that child.



## **Required Elements of an STRTP Mental Health Chart**

- The STRTP shall ensure that each child residing in the STRTP has an accurate and complete client record.
- The client record shall be confidential and an STRTP shall only disclose the client record if the disclosure is authorized by applicable federal and state privacy laws.

## **Required Chart Elements**



- The client record shall include:
  - (1) Signed informed consent for treatment;
  - (2) Mental Health Assessment;
  - (3) Admission Statement;
  - (4) Treatment Plan;
  - (5) STRTP Mental health program Progress Notes;
  - (6) Child and Family Team meeting notes;
  - (7) Clinical review report and Transition Determination;

### **Required Chart Elements** (Continued)



(8) Physician's orders related to mental health care, medication reviews, if applicable, and written informed consent for prescribed medication, pursuant to applicable law;

(9) A copy of any available court orders or judgments regarding: physical or legal custody of the child, conservatorship or guardianship of the child, the child's probation, or the child's juvenile court dependency or wardship;

(10) Documentation indicating date and name(s) of each individual or groups of individuals who have participated in the development of the treatment plan, or transition, including but not limited to the child, parent, guardian, conservator, tribal representative, child and family team members, and/or authorized representative;

(11) A transition determination plan.



## Intensive Care Coordination (ICC)

- Every child/youth must receive an individualized determination of eligibility and need for Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) and Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS).
- ICC is an intensive form of care coordination that identifies ancillary supports and systems to assist with client stabilization. ICC ensures that the client's complex behavioral health needs are met through active, integrated and collaborative participation by provider(s), family, and natural supports.
- ICC is intended to link clients to services provided by other child-serving systems; to facilitate teaming; and to coordinate mental health care. The Child and Family Team (CFT) meeting supports the process of care coordination.

# **Intensive Care Coordination (ICC)**

- ICC is available through the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit to all children, youth, and young adults under the age of 21 who are eligible for full scope Medi-Cal; meet medical necessity for specialty mental health services; and meet one or more of the indicators/criteria indicated on the referral form.
- STRTPs are required to provide Katie A/ICC/IHBS to clients who qualify. ICC is likely to be medically necessary for children/youth who are in an STRTP placement.
- For more information, please see the Medi-Cal Manual for ICC, IHBS, and TFC for Medi-Cal Beneficiaries, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition: <u>https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/ChildrensMHContentFlaggedForRemoval/Manuals/Med</u> <u>i-Cal Manual Third Edition.pdf</u>.
- For questions about Katie A/ICC/IHBS, please contact the ACBH ICC Administrator at <u>ChildrensSystemCare@acgov.org</u>.

## The Child and Family (CFT) Meeting

- The CFT includes formal supports (such as the care coordinator, providers, and case managers from child-serving agencies), natural supports (such as family members, neighbors, friends, and clergy), and other individuals who work together to develop and implement the client plan and are responsible for supporting children and their families in attaining their goals.
- For children or youth who are receiving Katie A services (e.g. ICC, IHBS) a CFT meeting must occur at least every 90 days.
- CFT meetings may be held more frequently according to the needs of the child and family.



# **ICC/CFT Procedure Codes**



Intensive Care Coordination services should be claimed using the ICC procedure codes:

Procedure Code	Definition	Distinguishing features	Examples
Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) 577	<ul> <li>Claimed by the ICC Coordinator for any time spent including planning, coordinating, plan monitoring, needs assessment, and preparing outside of the meeting time</li> <li>Claimed by all other participants for the time they contributed to the meeting, up to the length of the meeting, plus documentation and travel time</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>May be claimed by the ICC Coordinator OR by mental health staff attending a CFT (Child and Family Team) meeting</li> <li>For activities other than meeting facilitation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ICC Coordinator prepares for and coordinates the CFT meeting</li> <li>During the CFT meeting, STRTP staff discusses information gathered during the client's assessment</li> <li>STRTP staff shares information during the CFT meeting about the client's progress, and recommends changes to the Treatment Plan</li> </ul>
Child Family Team (CFT- ICC) 578	<ul> <li>Claimed by the clinician coordinating and leading the meeting for the amount of the meeting time only</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Claimed by the ICC Coordinator</li> <li>For time spent facilitating/leading the CFT meeting</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ICC Coordinator facilitates a CFT Meeting to discuss service needs, coordinate interventions, discuss placement changes, etc.</li> </ul>

### **Medical Records and Electronic Health Records**

- Alameda County uses Clinician's Gateway as it's Electronic Health Record System (EHR)
- Some STRTP providers will be using Clinician's Gateway to document a beneficiary's care. Examples will be shown regarding where to document required information within the various forms and templates.
- STRTP Providers are not required to use Clinician's Gateway templates or forms, but must assure that all medical records meet documentation requirements set forth in Alameda County's Specialty Mental Health Documentation Manual.



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### **Specialty Mental Health Service (SMHS) and Supplemental STRTP Documentation Requirements**



- This training covers supplemental STRTP documentation requirements.
- Record training modules related to general SMHS documentation requirements are available on the ACBH Provider Website, QA Training page, titled "Clinical Documentation Standards Training Program":
- http://www.acbhcs.org/providers/QA/training.htm

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# **V** Mental Health Assessment

- The STRTP shall ensure that within five (5) calendar days of the child's arrival, the child has a completed and signed mental health assessment.
- The mental health assessment shall be completed by a licensed mental health professional or waivered/registered professional.
- Other STRTP mental health program staff acting within their scope of practice may assist the licensed mental health professional or waivered/registered professional in gathering information required to complete the assessment.
- Note: The assessment must be co-signed by a Licensed LPHA if completed by a waivered/registered staff person.

# Using Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Assessments in STRTP

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- STRTP documentation requirements for assessments are almost identical to Medi-Cal's Outpatient Specialty mental health assessment requirements.
- Providers using Clinician's Gateway can use the "Assessment Mental Health" template and most requirements will be met, with the following major exceptions:
  - The presenting problem section of the assessment shall include the reason(s) for the child's referral to the STRTP.
  - Information on Medical history (and all sub categories) must be gathered and documented. This section cannot be left blank, unknown indicated, or that information will be gathered at a later time. This medical information is required to be gathered within 5 days of admission because the STRTP is responsible for the client's medical care while at the STRTP program.
  - Each child admitted to a STRTP shall have an assessment completed and signed by a licensed mental health professional, waivered/registered professional, or the Head of Service within **five (5) calendar days** of the child's arrival.

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# **V** Mental Health Assessment

The mental health assessment must address the following:

(1) Presenting problem, including the history of the presenting problem(s), family history, and current family information.

(A) The presenting problem shall include the reason(s) for the child's referral to the STRTP.

(2) A mental status examination (MSE).

(3) Mental health history, including previous treatment, inpatient admissions, therapeutic modalities, such as medications and psychosocial treatments, and response. If available, include information from other sources of clinical data, such as previous mental health records, and relevant psychological testing or consultation reports.

### **Mental Health Assessment** (Continued)

(4) Medical History, including physical health conditions, name and address of current source of medical treatment, prenatal and perinatal events, developmental, and other medical information from medical records or consultation reports.

(A) The medical history shall include all present medical condition(s).

(5) Medications, including information about medications the child has received, or is receiving, to treat mental health and medical conditions, including duration of medical treatment, the absence or presence of allergies or adverse reactions to medications, and documentation of an informed consent for medications.

(A) Medication information shall include all medications currently prescribed and dosage.

## **Mental Health Assessment** (Continued)

(6) Risks to the child and/or others.

(7) Substance Exposure/Substance Use, including past and present use of tobacco, alcohol, caffeine, CAM (complementary and alternative medications), over-the-counter, and illicit drugs.

(8) Psychosocial factors and conditions affecting the child's physical and mental health, including living situation, daily activities, social support, sexual orientation, gender identity, cultural and linguistic factors, academics, school enrollment, and employment.

(9) History of trauma.

## Mental Health Assessment (Continued)

(10) Child Strengths, including the child's strengths in achieving needs and services plan goals related to the child's mental health needs, challenges, and functional impairments as a result of the mental health diagnosis.

Note: Clinician's Gateway Assessment Template is being updated to include a "strengths" section. Until then, document strengths in the "Impairments to Life Functioning" section.

(11)A complete diagnosis shall be documented, consistent with the presenting problems, history, mental status examination and/or other clinical data.

(12) Any additional clarifying information.

### Assessment Mental Health

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□ Informing Materials signed (annually) □ Release of Information Forms signed (annually)

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# **Updating an Existing Mental Health Assessment**

 To satisfy the mental health assessment requirement, the STRTP may use an existing mental health assessment that was performed within sixty (60) days of the child's arrival at the STRTP, subject to all of the following requirements:

(1) The mental health assessment was conducted or certified by an interagency placement committee, a licensed mental health professional, or waivered/registered professional or an otherwise recognized provider of mental health services acting within their scope of practice.

Note: Most providers will want to claim the process of gathering information for and writing/completing an assessment to specialty mental health Medi-cal. There is a scope of practice required for claiming assessment activities to Medi-Cal. Providers planning to claim for this service should take this into account when determining who will be conducting the assessment. I.e. "Other recognized provider" may not be able to claim for conducting the assessment.

(2) A licensed mental health professional or waivered/registered professional shall review the prior assessment within five calendar days of the child's arrival at the STRTP program and determine whether to accept the existing mental health assessment or whether conducting a new assessment is clinically appropriate.

# Updating an Existing Mental Health Assessment (Continued)

(3) As part of the review, the licensed mental health professional or waivered/registered professional shall sign and complete an addendum documenting their acceptance of the existing assessment. The addendum shall include:

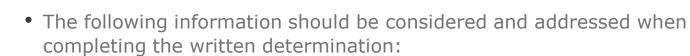
- Any available required information that was missing from the existing assessment,
- Updated information regarding the child's physical and mental condition at the time of arrival, diagnosis, and reason for referral, before signing and accepting.

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### Mental Health Assessment – Emergency Placement

- In the case of an emergency placement, a licensed MHP or waivered/registered professional shall make a written determination that the child requires the level of services and supervision provided at the STRTP to meet their behavioral and mental health service needs.
- The determination shall occur as soon as possible after the child arrives at the STRTP, but no later than 72 hours from the time the child arrives at the facility.

# Mental Health Assessment – Emergency Placement



(A) The child's presenting problem, including the history if it is available.

(B) Whether the STRTP meets the specific therapeutic needs of the presenting problem.

(C) The child's prior mental health diagnosis, if any.

(D) The child's current prescription and non-prescription medications, including dosages.

### Mental Health Assessment – Emergency Placement (Continued)

• The following information should be considered and addressed when completing the written determination (continued):

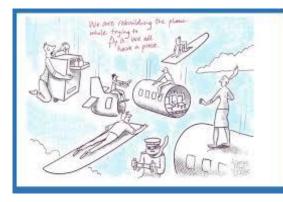
(E) The child's current medical conditions, including any prescribed treatment and medications.

(F) A risk assessment that addresses the child's likelihood of danger to self or others.

Note: When risks are identified, it is important to have a safety plan to contain the risk. This can be documented in a progress note, and should be incorporated into the client's treatment plan.

(G) Commonality of need with other children at the STRTP.

(H) Any other information necessary to determine whether the child requires the level of services provided at the STRTP.



### How to Document an Emergency Placement Assessment

- Alameda County does not currently have an Emergency Placement Assessment template/form in Clinician's Gateway (CG).
- At this time, Alameda County recommends that all children placed into a STRTP on an Emergency placement basis, receive a full STRTP compliant assessment within 72 hours. The "Universal" assessment in CG should be used.
- Providers that do not use Clinician's Gateway may develop and use an Emergency Placement Assessment template in their medical record system as long as it contains the required information.
- Note: An Emergency Placement Assessment (due within 72 hours of admit) does not replace the requirement for a full STRTP mental health assessment (due within 5 calendar days of admit).



### Mental Health Assessment – Emergency Placement

- A child who receives a written determination must also receive a mental health assessment to document the need for STRTP level of care.
- A mental health assessment, if completed within 72 hours of a child's arrival at the STRTP, may satisfy the requirement of a written determination.



• Until a licensed MHP or waivered/registered professional determines that the child requires the level of services and supervision provided at the STRTP, the child shall have one-on-one observation at all times or be in a physically separate area from the other children in the program. During this time, the child shall receive all services and programming required in these regulations.

## **Admission Statement**

- The head of service (HOS) shall sign an admission statement **within five (5) calendar days** of the child's arrival at the STRTP.
- In the statement, the head of service shall affirm that they have:
  - Read the child's referral documentation and any previous mental health assessments, if available;
  - Considered the needs and safety of the child;
  - Considered the needs and safety of the children already admitted to the STRTP;
  - > And concluded that admitting the child is appropriate.

## **Admission Statement** (Continued)

- The head of service (HOS) must affirm that the child meets criteria for admission to a STRTP.
- The admission statement shall affirm the following are reviewed, and will ensure that the materials included in the Interagency Placement Committee (IPC) referral information have also been reviewed:

1) The child does not require inpatient care in a licensed health facility.

2) The child has been assessed as requiring the level of services provided in a STRTP in order to maintain the safety and well-being of the child or others due to behaviors that render the child or those around the child unsafe or at risk of harm, or that prevent the effective delivery of needed services and supports provided in a home-based setting.

### **Admission Statement** (Continued)

3) The child meets at least one of the following conditions:

a) The child has been assessed as meeting the medical necessity criteria for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services.

b) The child has been assessed as seriously emotionally disturbed (SED).

Note: The above sentence is a quote from regulations. It may be more appropriate to refer to children "as having a serious emotional disturbance," to help reduce stigma.

c) The child requires emergency placement.

d) The child has been assessed as requiring the level of services provided by the STRTP in order to meet their behavioral or therapeutic needs.

## **Admission Statement Template**

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MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES

### Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBHCS) Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) ADMISSION STATEMENT

Client's Name:

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STRTP Name:

Case #: Intake Date:

The Admission Statement is to be completed by the Head of Service or acting Head of Service within five (5) days of a child/youth's arrival to the STRTP.

- 1. Head of Service has read the child's Mental Health Assessment? 

  Yes 
  No
- 2. Head of Service has read the child's referral documentation?
- 3. Head of Service has considered the child's needs and safety?
- Head of Service affirms that the child meets criteria for admission established in California Welfare Institutions Code section 11462.01(b): Child must meet all three criteria for admission to a STRTP.

a. Does the child require inpatient care in a licensed health facility (i.e. inpatient psychiatric hospitalization)? If a child requires inpatient care they are not eligible for placement in a STRTP.

#### Does not require inpatient care

### Requires inpatient care

If checked, describe all clinically significant risk factors observed/identified.

Client referred to (include name and location of facility):

### Date of referral:

b. The child has been assessed as requiring the level of services provided in a STRTP in order to maintain the safety and well-being of the child or others due to behaviors, including those resulting from traumas, that render the child or those around the child unsafe or at risk of harm, or that prevent the effective delivery of needed services and supports provided in the child's own Rev. 3/12/21 Page 1 of 2 home or in other family settings, such as with a relative, guardian, foster family, resource family, or adoptive family?

c. The child has been assessed as having a commonality of needs with the other children in the STRTP?

And the child meets at least one of the following conditions (the child may meet more than one):

a. The child has been assessed as meeting Medical Necessity criteria for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services?

b. The child has been assessed as Seriously Emotionally Disturbed as defined in subdivision (a) of section 5600.3?

c. The child requires emergency placement in a STRTP prior to Interagency Placement Committee approval pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (h)?

### 🗆 Yes 🗆 No

- If the child requires emergency placement prior to Interagency Placement Committee approval, a licensed mental health professional has made a written determination writhin 72 hours of the child's placement that the child requires the level of services and supervision provided by the STRTP in order to meet his or her behavioral or therapeutic needs? Head of service certifies that the child or youth will be evaluated
- by the Interagency Placement Committee within 30 days of the emergency placement? DV Placement Placement

d. The assessment by the Interagency Placement Committee indicated the child requires the level of services provided by the STRTP in order to meet their behavioral or therapeutic needs?

6. Based on these considerations, the Head of Service or acting Head of Service affirms that the child meets criteria for admission into the STRTP and admittance is appropriate?

### SIGNATURE

Signature of Head of Service Accepting the Assessment:

Date: \_\_\_\_

Staff ID Number:

### Printed Name:

Client Name: Case #:

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# **Treatment/Client Plans for STRTP**

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- All STRTP Treatment/Client Plans must comply with Specialty Mental Health Documentation requirements.
- Clinician's Gateway has a "universal" treatment plan template that when completed fully will meet these requirements.
- Each child admitted to a STRTP shall have a Treatment Plan reviewed and signed by a licensed mental health professional, waivered/registered professional, or the Head of Service within ten (10) calendar days of the child's arrival.

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## Minimum Required Elements for Specialty Mental Health Treatment Plans



- The following elements must be fully addressed in the initial and subsequent Treatment Plans (<u>http://www.acbhcs.org/providers/QA/docs/qa\_manual/7-</u> <u>1 CLINICAL\_DOCUMENTATION\_STANDARDS.pdf</u>)
- Client name and ID number (usually InSyst PSP#).
- Client Goals: Client goals should be meaningful and stated in the client's own words, when possible. Goals can also include a long-term mental health goal that links a client's non-mental health goal to medically necessary mental health services.
- Mental health objectives are specific, measurable (or observable), attainable, reasonable, and time bound (SMART), and are linked to the Assessment's clinical analysis and diagnosis (e.g. must be related to mental health barriers to reaching client's goals). Projected time frames for attainment of each mental health objective must be indicated.

#### Minimum Required Elements for Specialty Mental Health Treatment Plans



- Service Modalities & Detailed Interventions:
  - Focus must be consistent with the mental health objectives,
  - The proposed intervention(s) will have a positive impact on the identified impairments,
  - Frequency and duration of the intervention/modality must be included (e.g. 1-2x per week for 3 months).

Clinician's Gateway Client Plan Template doe	es not
currently have a "STRTP" modality listed as	a check
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#### SPECIFIC SERVICES FOR EACH MODALITY

MODALITY

STRTP

Detailed Intervention(s)(For Case Management indicate as relevant: linkage to and monitoring of community support services for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(i.e. homeless, joblessness, medical illness, or substance abuse) will result in client achieving their Mental Health Objectives # and # listed above)

Katie A. (ICC)

## Minimum Required Elements for Specialty Mental Health Treatment Plans

- Tentative discharge plan (termination/transition plan), including: discharge date, termination, or plan (indicating readiness signs), as applicable.
- "Complete Signature" or the electronic equivalent by the person providing the service
  - Best Practice is that the client's current medical provider within the same agency reviews and signs the Client Plan indicating their agreement
  - If the above person providing the service(s) is not licensed, registered, or waivered, a complete co-signature is required by a Licensed LPHA.
- Client Signature, or written explanation of client's refusal or unavailability to sign

## Minimum Required Elements for Specialty Mental Health Treatment Plans

- Evidence that the client collaborated in the creation of the Plan, agreed to the Plan and that a copy of the Treatment Plan was offered to the client (or legal representative).
  - A statement whereby the client acknowledges these must be on the Plan above the client's signature or within the associated Progress Note (with dates for each activity indicated).
- Date signed by staff and client.
- Coordination of care.
- When case management is claimed for children, documentation must include:
  - That without the provision of case management services the client's symptoms will worsen, and
  - That successful case management services will result in a decrease in the client's symptomatology.

# Treatment Plan – Required Elements for STRTPs

- The Treatment Plan outlines the goals and objectives of treatment based upon the diagnosis, areas of functioning, and medical necessity.
- The Treatment Plan is specific to the mental health services that are provided by the STRTP.
- Selected services address identified mental health needs, consistent with the diagnosis, that are the focus of the mental health treatment.



The Treatment Plan shall include:

(1) Anticipated length of stay.

Clinician's Gateway does not have an "Anticipated length of stay" section. It is recommended to document this information in the "Discharge Plan" section of the CG Client Plan template.

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DISCHARGE PLAN (Readiness/Time Frame/Expected Referrals, Etc.)

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY DESIRED RESULTS FROM MH INTERVENTIONS (Client quote if possible)

#### **MY STRENGTHS**

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY STRENGTHS TOWARD OVERCOMING BARRIERS AND ACHIEVING DESIRED MH RELATED RESULTS

# **Continued**

(2) Specific behavioral goals for the child and specific mental health treatment services the STRTP shall provide to assist the child in accomplishing these goals within a defined period of time.

(3) One or more transition goals that support the rapid and successful transition of the child back to community based mental health care.

#### CHALLENGES

Area of Challenges: Community Life, Family Life, Safety School/Education, Vocational, Independent Living, ADLs, Health, Housing, Legal, SUD, Food/Clothing/Shelter, etc. (Select)

Level of Challenges: Moderate, Severe

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(Select)

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Specific Challenges or Functional Impairments related to MH Diagnosis's Signs & Symptoms: [For Case Mgt, must indicate need for C/M service, i.e. ct. is homeless. Also, must indicate (1) which severe Symptoms/Impairments/Barriers resulting from MH Diagnosis that prevents client from accessing/maintaining needed services, or (2) for child that the lack of such services (caretaker not providing) exacerbates child's MH symptoms/impairments.]

#### Add Another Challenge OBJECTIVES Obj# Short-Term Mental Health Objectives: Specific, Target Date: At Reassessment: (Optional) quantifiable or observable outcomes of target (12 months When appropriate indicate level of symptoms, behaviors, or impairments in functioning. improvement, date and initial. unless (Note: these are ALWAYS MENTAL HEALTH Objectives specified) - even when providing Case Management Services.) 12 Months 🗸 O Not Improved Somewhat Improved Very Much Improved Initials Met

Add Another Objective

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Client, Provider, Family, etc. and provide name and title of other Treatment Team members.)

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(4) The child and authorized legal representative's participation and agreement.

a) Document if child is unable or refuses sign.

(5) Include participation of the child and family team, if one exists.

The Plan Development Progress notes used to claim for the creation of the Client Plan should detail the extent that the Child and Family Team participated in the creation of the treatment plan.

#### AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES

to

#### This plan is to be forwarded to the following for authorization:

	Licensed LPHA Co-Sign	Select Clinician	
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	Psychiatrist	Select Clinician	Client is being treate
	Program Supervisor	Select Clinician	•
	Other	Select Clinician	•
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	Individual/Family was offered a copy of this	s Plan	English 🗸
	Individual/Family participated in the development of the developmen	pment of, and agreed to, this Plan.	
	Provider attests that Individual signed plan		
	Provider attests that legal representative (F or verbally accepted this Plan on this date of the plan on this date of the plan of the p	arent, Legal Guardian, Conservator, etc.) signed due to Individual inability to sign.	
	Individual/Family verbally accepts this plan	but not able to sign on this date (explain below).	
	Individual/Family declines to sign (explain	below).	
$\rightarrow$	See progress note dated	describing development of the plan with Individual/Fami	ly.



(6) Be reviewed by a member of the STRTP mental health program staff at least every thirty (30) calendar days.

a) Review should be documented in the client record.

b) Include whether or not it is necessary to change the treatment plan.

Note: This would be documented in a (577)- ICC progress note. (Most STRTPS would use this code.) If a provider is contracted to facilitate the Child and Family Team they should use the (578)- Child and Family Team code.

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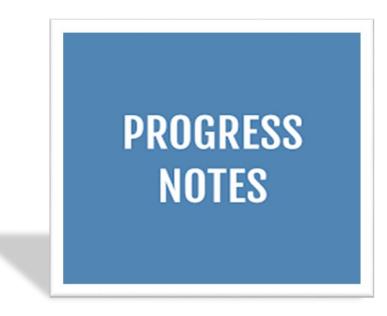
(7) A trauma-informed perspective, which includes planned services to promote the child's healing from any history of trauma.

The best place to document this requirement is in the description of interventions provided for Individual or group therapy.

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#### **V Continued (Continued)**

- The child's Treatment Plan shall be updated as the child's mental health treatment needs change.
- The STRTP shall provide a copy of the Treatment Plan to the child's placing agency within ten (10) calendar days of the request of the placing agency and in compliance with all applicable privacy laws.



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### **Progress Notes: Daily Notes and Specialty Mental Health Progress Notes**

- All children referred by Alameda County to STRTP providers will have full scope Medi-Cal and for this reason, the majority of services provided to children will be claimable to specialty mental health and progress notes describing those services will replace the need for a daily progress note.
- Occasionally, a child will not receive a Specialty Mental Health Service while at a STRTP and in those occasions a daily progress note will be required.
  - Note: If a child loses Medi-Cal eligibility, notify their Child Welfare Worker immediately. Continue to provide and document services as usual but do not submit claims until the eligibility issue is resolved.

**References**: Section 11 (a) "For each child, the STRTP shall ensure that there is a minimum of one (1) written daily mental health progress note."

Section 11 (f) "If a progress note for a specialty mental health service is provided, this replaces the requirement for this daily mental health progress note."

### Specialty Mental Health Progress Note Minimum Requirements

- InSyst 3 digit and/or CPT Procedure Code (or exact name per ACBH) claimed.
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  - Date of Service
  - "Face to Face" or "Contact Time"
  - "Total Time"
  - Telephone contact can be entered into the FF/Contact Time field of CG. You must have the location be phone if you provide services over the phone. Failure to do this can result in disallowance.
  - Which objective is being addressed.
  - It is strongly recommended to include travel and documentation time. This helps support the amount of time claimed.
  - Indicates what language the service was provided in (unless Assessment indicates "client is English speaking and all services will be provided in English").
  - Legible Provider Signature with M/C credential and date signed.

Completion requires finalization of all required signatures.

For additional guidance on SMHS progress note documentation, please see the ACBH SMHS Clinical Documentation Standards Policy and Procedure Manual: <u>http://www.acbhcs.org/providers/QA/docs/qa\_manual/7-</u> <u>1 CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION STANDARDS.pdf</u>.

### Formatting and Documenting Medical Necessity in Specialty Mental Health Progress Notes: BIRP Format

Purpose/Problem/Behavior/Assessment



- Describe the client's current presentation and reported functioning since last encounter, especially related to progress towards goals and objectives.
- Identify the purpose of the contact (e.g., to link, assess, plan, provide skill building, therapy, etc.)
- Illustrate narrative description of the contact who, what, when, where, and why, and the purpose of the service and/or situation requiring the service.

#### **I**ntervention by Staff

• Identify what specific intervention was provided to address the mental health objectives – interventions, and/or linkage to services consistent with achieving client objectives

#### **R**esponse of Client to Intervention

Identify client's response today toward the interventions and impact/progress toward their objectives

#### **P**lan for future services

• Can include collaterals, coordination of care, continue with CBT techniques or any follow up by the provider or client.

#### Example of a Specialty Mental Health Progress Note for STRTP

AU3431 Service #: 4607508 Title: Clinician's Progress Note Service date: 03/16/2021 Last Name Number First Name Client opened: 1/1/2009 ×.... Client: 75138646 TESTING TEN Last assessment: 7/5/2018 443 90837 Psychotherapy 60 min  $\mathbf{v}$ Procedures: Document "Total Time" Service Location: Office  $\mathbf{v}$ Here. Side Effects: No  $\mathbf{v}$ Med. Compliant: Yes × Emergency Billing time Primary Clinician: 6570 - Sammis, Jeffery M V Primary Code Time: 01:00 Provider: 9999CG - CLINICIAN GATEWAY TEST MHS AD ~ Add Additional Clinicians Additional E/M, Psychotherapy or Crisis Minutes: None 2nd FF/Contact/E-M Time: Interactive Complexity: Not Present 🔹 🗸 Instructions and Pre-Existing Diagnoses **Document Face to** Respond to problems/goals/objectives of treatment plan and signs and symptoms related to diagnosis. Include treatment interventions and address changes in the client's functioning. If there is little progress, include an explanation of the limited progress. Face time here. Episode Diagnosis Information SU GMC Primary Secondary Tertiary Services were provided in: English ~ 00:50 ICD-10: F91.3 F90.1 17 FF/Contact/E-M Time: or 🗌 clinician by interpreter Hours:Minutes DSM 5: Primary ICD-10 and DSM 5 do not match - you must update Insyst or CG

#### Example of a Specialty Mental Health Progress note for STRTP (Continued)

Presenting Problem(s)	Previous Entries: (Select Note)
	Client reported that a peer at the STRTP said client's hair looked like "steel wool." Client reported that client didn't even think before she stepped up to the other person and began to yell and verbally fight. Client reported that she had been ready to physically fight if the peer had made any sort of move. Staff at the STRTP broke up the fight. Client said she was proud that she hadn't actually hit the peer and that afterwards she had been able to use some breathing techniques to calm herself down. Client reports that she is surprised that breating on a count of 4 actually works.
Evaluation	Previous Entries: (Select Note)
	Client has been making some gains in using breathing and calming techniques to manage her feelings after negative events occur. Client reports that when she is negatively confronted or experiences micro aggressions against her, that in the moment she is still getting very overwhelmed and still lashes out verbally at people around her.
Intervention	Previous Entries: (Select Note)
	Did Trauma informed Cognitive Behavioral work with client. Focused on teaching client guided imagery. Had client imagine being in a safe space (Client chose a garden). Had client do this while talking about an event that caused her to have feelings of annoyance and frustration (another peer negatively commented on her hair.) Worked towards having client feel as though they could talk about the event while feeling more in control of their physical body and its reactions.
Response	Previous Entries: (Select Note)
	Client was able to practice the guided imagery. Client reported that she doubted doing this while talking about things that upset her would help much. But client was willing to try. Client seemed frustrated when told that it would take quite some time to practice and use these stress techniques before they became effective.

### Each Progress Note must be unique and not cloned from previous notes



- Cloning: "This practice involves copying and pasting previously recorded information from a prior note into a new note, and it is a problem in health care institutions that is not broadly addressed ...
- The medical record must contain documentation showing the differences and the needs of the client for each visit or encounter ...
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG) indicated that due to the growing problem of cloning, its staff would be paying close attention to EHR cloning."
- For more words of caution about EHRs check out this link:

www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Fraud-Prevention/Medicaid-Integrity-Education/Downloads/docmatters-ehr-providerfactsheet.pdf

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#### Mental Health Daily <u>non-billable</u> Progress Notes

- The daily Progress Note shall include the following **when applicable**:
  - (1) The specific service(s) provided to the child.
  - (2) A child's participation and response to each mental health treatment service directly provided to the child.
  - (3) Observations of a child's behavior.
  - (4) Possible side effects of medication.
  - (5) Date and summaries of the child's contact with the child's family, friends, natural supports, child and family team, existing mental health team, authorized legal representative, and public entities involved with the child.
  - (6) Descriptions of the child's progress toward the goals identified in the Treatment Plan.

#### Daily Progress Note: Alameda County Clinician's Gateway Users

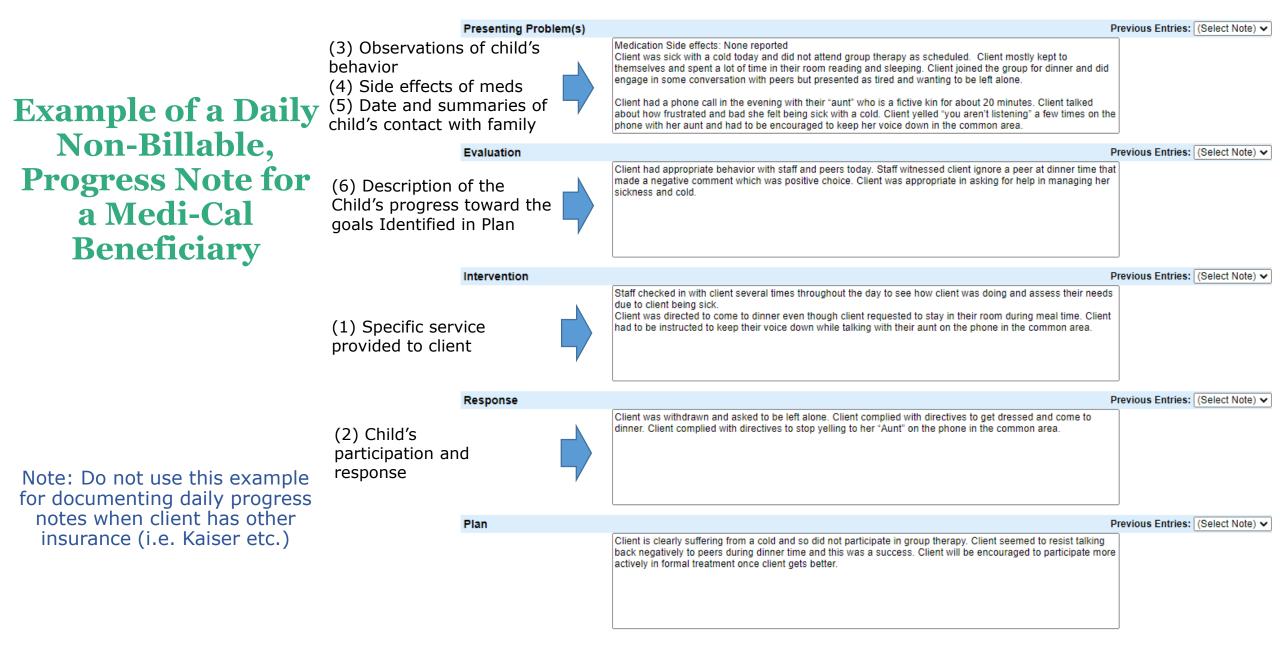
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CG users should enter daily notes as 197 CG Informational Notes. This is a non-billable code.

#### Daily Progress Note: Documenting Medication Side Effects in Clinician's Gateway

Quality of Care Issue: If a client is experiencing side effects from a medication, make sure that the details of the side effects are well documented and a plan to address them is developed. (I.E. "...will contact psychiatrist", "...will continue to closely monitor" etc.)

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#### Mental Health Progress Notes – Significant Changes/Events



- In addition to the daily mental health progress note, the STRTP mental health program staff shall write a progress note whenever there is a significant change in the client's condition or behavior, or a significant event involving the child.
- Include the date and time of the event and the STRTP's response to the event.
- **Definition**: A significant event involving the child is any unintended or unexpected event, which could or did lead to physical or emotional harm. This includes incidents which did not cause harm but could have caused harm, or where the event should have been prevented.
- **Examples**: Events requiring crisis intervention; therapy sessions with major breakthroughs on trauma history; or changes in behavior and symptoms like suicidal ideation or self-harm.

# Mental Health Progress Notes – Significant Changes/Events (Continued)

• Whenever there is a significant event involving the child, the STRTP shall consider whether the child has a history of trauma and, if so, do the following:

(A) Determine whether the child's history of trauma has precipitated the significant event.

(B) Determine whether the significant event could be used to promote healing and growth from the child's history of trauma.

C) Determine whether the significant event has created a need for changes to the child's treatment plan.

(D) Update the child's treatment plan with any additional services that the child needs.

### Significant Change/Event Crisis Therapy example (Continued)

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		Service date: 03/16/2021
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#### **Significant Change/Event Crisis Therapy Example (Continued):**

#### **Required Elements:**

1) Date and Time of the event



 Determine whether the child's history of trauma has precipitated the significant event

3) Determine whether the significant event could be used to promote healing and growth form the child's history of trauma

4) Determine whether the significant event has created a need for changes to the child's treatment plan

5) Update the child's treatment plan with any additional services that the child needs

#### Presenting Problem(s)

At 2:30pm 3/16/2021 staff were alerted to a commotion in the STRTP common area. Staff discovered that Client another child at the STRTP were having a physical altercation. Client had her sweat shirt pulled over her head by the other peer and was punched several times in the head, chest and back. Client kicked the peer several times and crashed her body into the peer resulting in both falling to the ground. STRTP staff and this therapist was able to break the fight up at that point. Client and peer were separated with staff assessing and talking to both. This therapist talked with client and client reported that she and the peer were talking about their experiences in Hayward Ca, and client suddenly realized that she knew this person and that this person had dated a man responsible for shooting one of client's close friends last year. Client reported that she confronted the peer and a physical fight ensued.

#### Evaluation

Client was very angry and shaking after the fight. It became clear that client had experienced significant trauma about 9 months ago when one of her close friends had been killed in a shooting while at a side show. Client had not disclosed this trauma in the past and this is probably the first time client has talked about it with mental health staff before. Client admitted that she had such a strong feeling of anger that she attack the peer almost without thinking about it. After about 50 minutes of talking client was calmer and seemed genuine in their commitment to stay in their room and away from the peer for the rest of the night. This event did cause client to gain some insight into another trauma she hasn't talked about or processed through yet.

#### Intervention

Separated client from peer they were fighting and made sure both were in a safe location at the STRTP. Checked client for injuries that might need treatment (none were identified.) Talked with client to assess how the fight had started and assessed what role past trauma had on the event. Guided client through some breathing and calming exercises. Consulted with client's Child Welfare Worker to determine if a placement change was warranted to keep client and the other peer safe (it was determined that a safety plan could be tried first.) A safety plan was created with client (see in chart) and client agreed to it. See plan section for future interventions.

#### Response

Client at first had started to pack her bag in the room saying they were going to leave the STRTP and that if anyone tried to stop her, she would fight them. After this therapist talked with client for about 20 minutes, client stopped packing and talked about how upset and mad she was that one of her good friends had been killed. Client reported that she didn't want to do calming exercises because she might have to fight the girl again. Client reported that she didn't know if the other girl in the program knew anything about the shooting, but suspected that she did and that thought was driving her crazy. Client agreed that she was so worked up that sleeping tonight would be difficult and so would practice the calming exercises at bed time.

#### Plan

Because client started the physical altercation, and there is concern that another altercation might happen again with the same peer, staff will make sure that the peers are not left alone together. Client's CWW has asked that staff work with client to try and maintain placement at the STRTP. Client's treatment plan will be updated to include a goal of processing through the trauma of having a friend killed so that she isn't so overwhelmed by the memory or so easily triggered (as happened tonight.) A behavioral goal of no physical aggression will added to the plan as well. Client and the peer they got into a fight with will be continually assessed for safety and a change in placement for client or the peer may occur in the future if needed.

## **V Control Timeliness for STRTP Progress Notes**

- All mental health progress notes shall be completed, signed and dated (or electronic equivalent) within seventy-two (72) hours of the service provided.
- The mental health progress notes shall be maintained in the child's record.
- If the child is a Medi-Cal beneficiary, the STRTP shall complete separate progress notes for each Specialty Mental Health Service provided.





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#### Medication Assistance, Control, and Monitoring

- May be provided by a nurse practitioner, physician's assistant or registered, licensed or vocational nurse acting within their scope of practice *and* under the direction of a psychiatrist.
- Each child must be examined by a psychiatrist at least one time during the child's stay at the STRTP.
- A physician or psychiatrist shall examine each child prior to prescribing any psychotropic medication.

 $\succ$  The examination shall include a screening to determine whether there are potential medical complications from the medication that could impact the child's mental health condition.

> The examination shall be noted in the client record.

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### **Medication Review**

- A physician or a psychiatrist shall sign a written medication review for each child prescribed psychotropic medication. This review shall be completed as often as clinically appropriate, but at least **every forty-five (45) days.**
- This review may be prepared by a STRTP mental health program staff member acting within the scope of their practice and shall be included in the client record.

### **ACBHCS Medication Review Form**





### **Medication Review**

• The medication review shall include:

(1) Observations of any side effects and review of any side effects reported by the child or noted in the client record.

(2) The child's response to each psychotropic medication currently prescribed and the child's perspective on the effectiveness of these medications.

(3) The child's compliance with taking psychotropic medication prescribed.

(4) Justification for continuing to prescribe psychotropic medication and/or changing the child's medication plan.

(5) A statement that the physician, psychiatrist has considered the goals and objectives of the child as listed in the child's needs and services plan and the treatment plan, and that the psychotropic medication prescribed is consistent with those goals and objectives.

## **Medication Review** (Continued)

- A psychiatrist shall review the course of treatment for all children who are not on psychotropic medication at least every ninety (90) days.
- The results of this review must be included in a progress note signed by the psychiatrist at the time the review is completed.

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## Medication Review Form (medication not prescribed)

	ALTH & SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES
	oral Health Care Services (ACBHCS)
	ial Therapeutic Program (STRTP)
	- MEDICATION NOT PRESCRIBED
	ery 90 days for youth residing in an STRTP ibed psychotropic medication.
Client's Name:	Client's Pronouns:
Case #:	STRTP Name:
Date of Admission:	
	<li>s). Include status: improved, well-controlled, equately controlled, worsening, or failing to</li>
	ion of speech, thought process, associations, hts, judgment and insight, MSE, SI/HI, etc.):
3. Plan of Care (Include recom progress on recovery/resilient	mendations for care, psychotherapeutic needs, cy goals etc.):
The Psychiatrist has reviewed th goals and objectives of the Clien	ne course of treatment and considered the ht Plan:
🗆 Yes 🗆 No Psychiatrist must revie	w client plan per STRTP requirements.
If no, provide an explanation:	
*Signature/Title/Credential	Date
Printed Name/Credential	Staff ID#
*I certify that the service(s) shown on this s were medically necessary.	sheet were provided by me personally and the service(s)
	Date
Co-Signature/Title/Credential	
	Staff ID#
	Staff ID#



#### **Medication Services**

- Psychotropic medications for a child residing in a STRTP shall be administered and dispensed in accordance with state and federal laws for pharmaceuticals, which include but are not limited to, laws related to authorization, administering and dispensing medication, psychotropic medication, storage and disposal, informed consent, and documentation of informed consent.
- The STRTP shall ensure the following is documented in the client record:
  - Date and time a prescription or non-prescription medication was taken,
  - Dosage taken or refused, and
  - Child's response to medication

## **V Clinical Review**

- Every ninety (90) days, a licensed mental health professional or waivered/registered professional, shall perform a clinical review of the child's current mental health status and progress in treatment to determine whether the child should be transitioned to a different level of care.
- The licensed mental health professional or waivered/registered professional shall summarize the reviews and determinations in the client record and update the child's treatment plan, as needed.

## **Clinical Review Requirements**

- As part of the review, the licensed mental health professional or waivered/registered professional shall consider and document:
  - (A) The types and frequency of services provided to the child and the impact of these services on the child's achievement of the goals outlined in the child's treatment plan.
  - (B) Whether the STRTP continues to meet the specific therapeutic needs of the child.
  - (C) Justification for the decision for continued stay or transition of the child based on the client record and licensed mental health professional's clinical opinion.





# **Clinical Review Documentation**

- ACBH does not have a Clinical Review template at this time.
- The Clinical Review may be documented in a progress note using the county's standard P/BIRP format.
- Time spent completing and documenting the Clinical Review may be claimed as plan development, since it involves gathering and reviewing written clinical information in order to monitor/update the client's plan.
- The treatment plan template in Clinicians Gateway has a section to indicate the progress toward plan objectives. If updates to the treatment plan are being made, the provider should also indicate the progress on any objectives which are not being updated.

### **Clinical Reviews, Collaboration, and Transition Determinations**

- As clinically appropriate, the STRTP shall collaborate throughout the course of the child's treatment with the child's existing mental health team, parent, guardian, conservator, tribal representative, child and family team, authorized legal representative, placing agency or agencies, the probation department, county welfare department, and county mental health department, if any of these are applicable.
  - The STRTP shall summarize and document the consultations in the client record.

# **Clinical Reviews, Collaboration, and Transition Determinations**

- The STRTP mental health program staff shall meet at least once every ninety (90) days, or more often if needed, to discuss the diagnosis, mental health progress, treatment planning, and transition planning for the child.
- Prior to or during each meeting, the STRTP mental health program staff shall obtain information from direct care staff about their observations, if any, for the child. The head of service or a licensed mental health professional or waiver/registered professional shall attend each meeting along with other mental health program staff that provide mental health services to the child.
- The meeting should include the most active and informed members of the mental health program staff responsible for the child's mental health treatment.

# **V < Transition Determination Plan**

- A Transition Determination Plan shall be developed, completed, and signed by a member of the STRTP mental health program staff prior to the date the child transitions out of the STRTP.
- A copy shall be provided prior to or at the time of the child's transition, to the following, as applicable: parent, guardian, conservator, or person identified by the court to participate in the decision to place the child in the STRTP.



#### **Transition Determination Plan** (Continued)

• The Transition Determination Plan shall include:

(1) The reason for admission;

- (2) The reason for transition, referencing the child's transition planning goals, or another reason for the child to be transferred to an alternative treatment setting;
- (3) The course of treatment during the child's admission, including mental health treatment services, medications, and the child's response;
- (4) The child's diagnosis at the time of transition;

### Transition Determination Plan (Continued)

(5) The child's aftercare plan, which shall include, the following components:

(A) The nature of the child's diagnosis and follow-up required.

(B) Medications, including side effects and dosage schedules.

(C) Goals and expected outcomes for any follow-up treatment.

(D) Recommendations regarding treatment that are relevant to the child's care.

(E) Educational information, including grade level functioning, and any special education needs.

(F) Referrals to providers of medical and mental health services.

(G) Other relevant information.

### **Transition Determination Plan Template**

# alameda county behavioral health MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES

#### Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBHCS) Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) TRANSITION DETERMINATION PLAN

Client's Name:	Client's Pronouns:
Case #:	STRTP Name:
Date of Admission:	Anticipated Transition Date:

Transition Determination Plan to be completed <u>prior</u> to child or youth's discharge from the STRTP.

 REASON FOR ADMISSION: Describe events in sequence leading to admission to your program. Describe primary need upon admission.

 REASON FOR DISCHARGE FROM STRTP PLACEMENT: Choose most appropriate reason for transition. If selecting Other or Alternate STRTP/Residential Setting, provide explanation for reason for transition.

□ Higher level of care □ Lower level of care □ Client did not return/AWOL

□ Alternate STRTP/Residential Setting □ Other Explain:

3. LIVING PLACEMENT UPON DISCHARGE FROM STRTP: Choose most appropriate placement. If other provide explanation of living placement.

Biological Family 
 Extended Family Member

□ Non-Related Extended Family Member □ Resource Family

Foster Family Agency
 Extended Foster Care/Transitional Housing Program

□ Alternate STRTP □ Other Explain:

Name of caregiver and relationship to youth:

4. COURSE OF TREATMENT DURING THE CHILD'S ADMISSION: Include mental health treatment interventions and the child or youth's response. Include the child's transition plan goals and child's progress toward those goals.

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#### 5. MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS AND FOLLOW UP REQUIRED:

a. Current Diagnosis: List all diagnoses in order of priority.

b. Symptoms related to diagnosis and follow up required:

c. Goals and expected outcomes for follow up treatment:

#### 6. RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TREATMENT THAT ARE RELEVENT TO

THE CHILD'S CARE: Review with child or youth prior to transition. Use child or youth's own language when applicable.

- a. Resiliency Strategies:
  - Preferred activities or hobbies
  - · Soothing or calming techniques
  - · Identified sources of support (person, place, object)
  - · Caregiving strategies that promote resiliency
  - Other

b. Triggers: Include social, emotional or environmental factors that may decrease the child or youth's ability to be successful in next placement.

c. Other: Any other pertinent information which will enhance the child or youth's successful transition.

#### 7. SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Not Applicable 
Ves Explain:

Client Name:

Case ∉:

Program RU:

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# Changes under the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)

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# **Changes under the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)**

- The intent of the FFSPA is to limit reliance on congregate care when serving youth in foster care and probation systems, and to instead meet the needs of the youth in the context of their families and communities.
- The FFPSA enhances support services for families to help children remain in family-based settings.
- For MHPs providing Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS), the FFPSA creates new requirements related to out of home placements for children, youth, and non minor dependents (NMDs) and those in the Child Welfare and Probation systems, including in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs).

#### Qualified Individual (QI) Assessment Reference: <u>BHIN 21-060/ACL 21-113</u>

- Starting October 1, 2021, mental health plans (MHPs) are required to identify Qualified Individuals (QI) to support the process.
- The QI will attend all CFT meetings for child welfare and probation, as well as all Interagency Placement Review Committee meetings to determine placements.
- The QI must complete a full clinical assessment and IP-CANS for all youth recommended for out of home placement.
- This assessment is due within 30 calendar days from the date of the QI referral or from the date the child is placed into a STRTP, whichever comes first.
- In an emergency placement, the QI assessment must be completed no later than 30 calendar days from the date the child is placed into a STRTP.



# **Qualified Individual (QI) Assessment**



- Circumstances that indicate the need for a referral for an assessment by the QI include, but are not limited to:
  - CFT recommends out-of-home placement.
  - An emergency removal and discharge from the current placement; e.g., discharge from psychiatric hospitalization, violation of probation including additional charges.
  - A notice to remove from placement from either a STRTP or family-based setting and the next placement is expected to be a STRTP.
  - Juvenile Justice involvement including a petition filed and disposition hearing set with possible recommendations for foster care and STRTP placement.
- The QI will complete an assessment and CANS within 30 days of any placement changes of all foster care youth going forward.
- Note: The Qualified Individual (QI) is a County staff member

#### Nursing Services References: ACL 21-115, ACIN 1-85-21

- The FFPSA requires that congregate care settings such as STRTPs have licensed nursing staff and other clinical staff available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- This requirement is to ensure that a youth's medical needs are met throughout their placement at the STRTP.
- When necessary, nursing staff shall provide onsite care according to the STRTP's treatment model, or partner with the placing agency to arrange nursing care.
- If an STRTP's treatment model does not already provide access to nursing services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, whether onsite or via telehealth, the STRTP must ensure the availability of nursing services, which may include accessing nursing resources through the state-funded STRTP 24/7 Nurse Hotline.
- The STRTP 24/7 Nurse Hotline can be reached by calling (833) 614-7401.
- In the event of a medical emergency, providers should continue to utilize 9-1-1 or emergency hospital services.



#### Aftercare Reference: <u>BHIN 21-061/ACL 21-116</u>



- The FFPSA creates new requirements for aftercare services provided to a child or youth discharged from a STRTP.
- By October 1, 2021, each county child welfare agency, probation department, and mental health plan will jointly provide, arrange for, or ensure the provision of six (6) months of aftercare services for youth and non-minor dependents transitioning from a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) to a family-based setting.
- ACBH will be leveraging existing Wraparound program(s) to provide these services.
- Child Welfare/Probation workers are responsible for screening youth and determining need. Workers will refer youth to services via the Interagency Placement Review Committee (IPRC). Child Welfare/Probation will coordinate CFT meetings in accordance with placing agency guidelines.
- For youth whose placement is funded by Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE), a representative from ACOE will participate as a member of IPRC, as needed.
- For youth whose placement is funded by Regional Center of the East Bay, Regional Center can refer youth for services via Alameda County's IPRC.

### **Implicit Bias**

- What is implicit/unconscious bias?
  - Unconscious attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions.
- What are some impacts of implicit bias?
- What are some strategies for reducing implicit bias?

**Bias Awareness Strategies** include self-reflection activities while emphasizing the normality of stereotyping in a safe setting that allows for the private self-discovery of personal biases to emerge.



**Bias Control Strategies** aim to stop automatic discriminatory responses before they occur. The most common bias control strategy is learning to put oneself in another individual's shoes—also known as perspective-taking.

Resources: <u>https://work.cibhs.org/eliminating-inequities-behavioral-health-care-webinar-series</u> https://nurse.org/education/implicit-bias-racial-disparities-healthcare/

#### **Review of Timeliness Expectations**

Type of Service/Document	Due date
Assessment	Within 5 calendar days of child's arrival
Admission Statement	Within 5 calendar days of child's arrival
CANS and PSC-35	Prior to completion of treatment plan, every 6 months, and at discharge
Treatment Plan	<i>Within 10 calendar days after the child's arrival;</i> <i>reviewed every 30 days</i>
Progress Notes	Finalized within 72 hours of service
Clinical Review	Every 90 days
Transition Determination Plan	Before discharge
Medication Services/Medication Reviews	<i>Every 45 days for clients prescribed psychotropic meds; every 90 days for clients who are not on psychotropic meds.</i>

# thank you.

Contact <u>QATA@acgov.org</u> for more information



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