

North Dakota began compliance with federal Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) in October 2019. Prior to 2019, North Dakota was ranked in the top 3% of states across the country who placed children in residential settings per capita. North Dakota recognized this needed to change and the child welfare system must embrace FFPSA regulations to ensure treatment placements are for the right children for the right duration of time. ND Children and Family Services has worked diligently with partners to restrict the unnecessary use of prolonged residential placements for children. North Dakota repealed the licensing of group homes and required prospective facilities to be in full compliance with federal qualified residential treatment program (QRTP) regulations.

North Dakota QRTP’s require each referral receive initial and ongoing assessments. Each QRTP must hold national accreditation, implement a trauma informed treatment modality, have nursing and clinical staff available onsite, while offering treatment and aftercare support.

North Dakota Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP) placement is available to:

- Children under the public custody of a Human Service Zone, Division of Juvenile Services or North Dakota Tribal Nation
- Children, not in the public custody, who have been pre-approved for placement and reimbursement by the HHS Voluntary Treatment Program.
- Children under the public custody of an out of state public agency, who have signed a payment agreement with HHS, has been approved through North Dakota’s third party qualified individual and has ICPC approval.

ND Qualified Residential Treatment Programs	Admissions
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch - Minot <i>(Serves youth ages 10 to 19)</i>	Send referrals to: Tim Gienger at t.gienger@dakotaranch.org Secondary contact: Amanda Reuschlein at a.reuschlein@dakotaranch.org
Home on the Range – Sentinel Butte <i>(Serves youth ages 12 to 19)</i>	Send referrals to: Michelle Swanson at michelles@hotrnd.com Secondary contact: Velvet Craigo at velvetc@hotrnd.com