



ND Levels of Foster Care: NDCC 50-06-06.14. Requires the human service zones to explore the option of kinship care if a child is unable to return home due to safety concerns. Absent kinship options, the human service zones shall provide permanency options that are least restrictive and near the family's home. A child in foster care can enter and exit any level of care noted below dependent on their eligibility and needs. Note: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF), substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, acute hospitalizations stays, and detention are not foster care placements.

Prevention Placements		Foster Care Placements			18+	
Parameter	Shelter Care <small>(Certified Program or Licensed Family)</small>	Relative Care	Family Foster Care	Treatment Foster Care <small>(Nexus-PATH)</small>	Qualified Residential Treatment Program (Q RTP)	Supervised Independent Living (SIL)
	Present danger exists and a child is in need of temporary safe care, referred by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CPS with Zone ✓ In-Home with Zone ✓ Foster care with a Zone 	Unlicensed relative providing care to children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Relative care that never enter foster care ✓ In foster care under the custody of a Zone, Division of Juvenile Services, or a Tribal Nation 	Licensed foster home providing care to children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In foster care under the custody of a Zone, Division of Juvenile Services, or a Tribal Nation. ✓ In 18+ Continued Care (ages 18 to 21) under placement and care of a Zone or Tribal Nation. 	Licensed foster home providing least restrictive treatment to children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In foster care under the custody of a Zone, Division of Juvenile Services, or a Tribal Nation. ✓ Pre-approved for the BHD Voluntary Treatment Program. 	Licensed foster care facility providing 24-hour treatment for children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In foster care under the custody of a Zone, Division of Juvenile Services, or a Tribal Nation. ✓ Pre-approved for the BHD Voluntary Treatment Program. 	Licensed setting managed by an agency providing care to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 18+ Continued Care youth under placement and care of a Zone or Tribal Nations.
Child Age	0 to 18 Licensed Family 10 to 18 Certified Program	0 to 21	0 to 21	6 to 21	10 to 19	18 to 21
Presenting Child Need	Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavior is typical for age and can be easily redirected • Acting out in response to traumatic stress, but episodes are brief and/or temporary. 	Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavior is typical for age and can be easily redirected • Medically fragile infants (drug exposed newborns) • May present occasional grief, loss, anger, depression, anxiety, defiance, substance use, intentional misbehavior, running away or school difficulties. • Acting out in response to traumatic stress, but episodes are brief and/or temporary. 	Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavior is typical for age and can be easily redirected • Medically fragile infants (drug exposed newborns) • May present occasional grief, loss, anger, depression, anxiety, defiance, substance use, intentional misbehavior, running away or school difficulties. • Acting out in response to traumatic stress, but episodes are brief and/or temporary. • Specialized family settings, HOST Homes work with victims of sex trafficking. 	Treatment Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavior is typical for age but requires additional services, supports, planning and provider training to meet the child's needs. • Occasional behavioral health needs, which may present a danger to self or others. • Currently presenting episodes of emotional or impulsive aggression, traumatic stress, anxiety, defiance, impulsivity, hyperactivity, running away, intentional misbehavior, sexualized behavior, self-harm not requiring emergency medical intervention, sleep disturbance, or substance use. 	Residential Treatment Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavior requires additional services, supports, planning and specialized clinical training provided by rotating staff to meet the child's needs. • Frequent behavioral health needs which may present a danger to self or others. • Frequent emotional or impulsive aggression • Currently presenting episodes of traumatic stress, psychosis, anxiety, defiance, impulsivity, hyperactivity, running away, intentional misbehavior, self-harm not requiring emergency medical intervention, substance use and/or sexual aggression • Not acutely suicidal or homicidal. 	Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged out of North Dakota foster care • Behavior may be typical for age and can be redirected • Experienced or currently experiencing behavioral health needs including substance use. • Acting out in response to life stressors, but episodes are brief/ temporary and easily redirected. • Currently working or in school.
Level of Care details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served by outpatient community resources (therapy, med management, etc.) • Public School • In-home supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served by outpatient community resources (therapy, med management, etc.) • Public School • In-home supports • Respite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served by outpatient community resources (therapy, med management, etc.) • Public School • In-home supports • Respite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served by outpatient community resources (therapy, med, etc.) • Eligibility is reviewed every 90 days • Public School • Additional in-home supports • Additional case management • Ongoing Respite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal assessment completed by 3rd party, approving/denying placement. • Eligibility is reviewed every 90 days. • Trauma informed treatment offered by a clinical team. • 6 months aftercare support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served by outpatient community services (therapy, med management, etc.) • Additional case management • Supportive services to transition to adulthood
Length of Stay	7 days	Undetermined	Federal = less than 12 months	9 months	3 to 6 months	Unlimited for ages 18 to 21

Children and Family Services Non-Foster Care Placements

Non-Foster Care Placements: Children in foster care may be placed at various levels of care depending on the child's presenting symptoms and behaviors. These placements below may be utilized by foster children, but are considered non-foster care placements, as they are not licensed or reimbursable based on federal foster care regulations. These non-foster care placements include but are not limited to those noted on the chart below.

Non-Foster Care Placements								
	Shelter Care (not certified)	Attendant Care	Detention	Job Corp	Adolescent Residential Treatment Facility	Developmental Disability Group Homes	Hospital	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)
Licensure/ Oversight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No HHS oversight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No HHS oversight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No HHS oversight Local County; Tribal Nations; or State DOCR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No HHS oversight Administered by the US Department of Labor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed by the Behavioral Health Division Policy Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed by the Developmental Disabilities Section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have certification, but HHS also licenses hospitals as primary care or general acute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed by the Behavioral Health Division Policy Team
Providers (not all inclusive)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youthworks- Bismarck Youthworks- Fargo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunrise Youth Bureau Northwest Youth Assessment Center Grand Forks County Youthworks- Minnot Youthworks- Bismarck Youthworks- Fargo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grand Forks Juvenile Detention Youth Correctional Center Ward County Juvenile Detention West Central Regional Juvenile Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quentin Burdick Job Corp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eckert Youth Home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REM Anne Carlsen HIT inc. Life Skills and Transition Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanford Trinity Hospital Essentia Altru Prairie St. Johns CHI St. Alexius ND Hospitals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch (Bismarck, Fargo and Minnot) Luther Hall- Fargo Pride Manchester Ruth Meiers Adolescent Center
Payment Source	Local City/ County Federal Runaway	Local County Funds Federal JJ Funds	Local County Funds	Federal Funds	SUD Voucher Medicaid Private Insurance Federal Funds	Medicaid DD Waiver	Medicaid Private Insurance	Medicaid Private Insurance