

# QRTP Nurse

## FFPSA Citation

H.R. 253 - Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 <https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ123/PLAW-115publ123.pdf>

## Definition

FFPSA requires QRTPS to have a registered or licensed nursing staff and other licensed clinical staff to be a part of the treatment team that will provide a trauma-informed treatment model that is designed to address the needs, including clinical needs as appropriate, of children with serious emotional or behavioral disorders or disturbances and, with respect to a child, is able to implement the treatment identified for the child as prescribed by licensed medical professionals.

The nurse employed by the QRTP will/is

- provide care within the scope of their practice as defined by State law
- available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week

## Components

### Expectations

- Evaluate youth's physical health upon admit, during the duration of the youth's stay at the facility, and through discharge to ensure continuity of care;
- Obtain the youth's past medical history by participating in interviews with the youth, the DCFS worker, and the youth's family;
- Coordinate and assist in scheduling dental care, mental health care, medication reviews, and other medical appointments as needed to ensure the youth's well-being;
- Maintain medical records and follow up with youth who have specific medical, dental, or vision needs;
- Maintains a cooperative relationship among health care providers of youth by communicating information and participating in team problem-solving methods.
- Oversight of medication management: maintain medication counts, logs, documentation, and request refills as needed;
- Monitor compliance with standing orders for youth under the direction of their primary care provider for allergies, medical needs and other recommended over the counter medications;
- Oversee, advise, train and implement measures within the facility to ensure proper infection-control policies and protocols and medication storage and hazardous medical waste disposal procedures;
- Maintain first aide and other over the counter supplies and restock as needed;
- Evaluate youth's injuries/ailments and provide consultation and recommendations for further treatment as needed
- Review medical appointment summaries to provide insight from observations of behaviors, interventions, assessments and coordinate care, and attend appointments as able;
- Monitor preparation of medications for residents going on off campus visits according to medication administration policy and state regulations;

- Provide instruction and education to youth and their families regarding the importance of the administration of the medication and medical needs prior to the visit; and provide education and instruction to families related to a resident’s diagnosis, medication, treatment plan and community-based services.
- Participate as needed in Service Plan meetings and Family Permanency Team Meetings to provide medical communication on behalf of youth;
- Assist staff with resolving youth’s medical issues/problems by utilizing multidisciplinary team strategies;
- Availability 24/7 to assist with emergency medical needs of youth;
- Maintain confidentiality, professionalism and healthy boundaries with youth and their families;
- Ensure that all professional staff are trained and certified in first-aid, blood borne pathogens and CPR training;
- Ensure adherence to orders and guidance to congregate care providers from Louisiana State Health Officer

**Qualifications**

• **EDUCATIONAL/LICENSURE/ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**LPN:**

- High School Diploma or HiSET;
- Graduate from accredited LPN program which includes one year of coursework and practical application at a hospital, vocational technical school or community college;
- Maintain State of Louisiana Nursing Board License for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) by attending educational workshops/trainings

**RN:**

- Complete a college degree in the field of nursing which could be a bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Science (majoring in Nursing) or Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced Studies) or Associates Degree of Nursing. For students with previous tertiary qualifications, complete a two-year Master of Nursing program.
- Have documentation of a satisfactory fingerprint-based criminal background check through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as required by R.S. 15:587.1 and R.S. 46:51.2
  - This check shall be obtained prior to the individual accepting employment to work with children in DCFS custody
  - No person who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to any offense included in R.S. 15:587 (C), shall be hired by or present in any capacity to work with a child(ren)