



Children & Family Services Behavioral Health Planning Council

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Agenda

Agenda: 30 minutes

1. Certified Shelters
 - a. High level overview
 - b. *HSC crisis placements*

2. Shelter Care
 - a. High level overview
 - b. *Eligibility and diversion from foster care using SFPM*

3. Respite
 - a. High level overview
 - b. *Eligibility and contract with Nexus PATH*

4. Kinship ND

Certified Shelter Care

Definition: Temporary care during which a child needs a safe bed outside of the home, in a certified shelter care site (managed by an agency).

Duration:

- No greater than 7 days, unless otherwise approved by the department.
- If an additional 7 days is warranted, an extension request (SFN 1781) must be completed by the certified site and submitted to CFS.

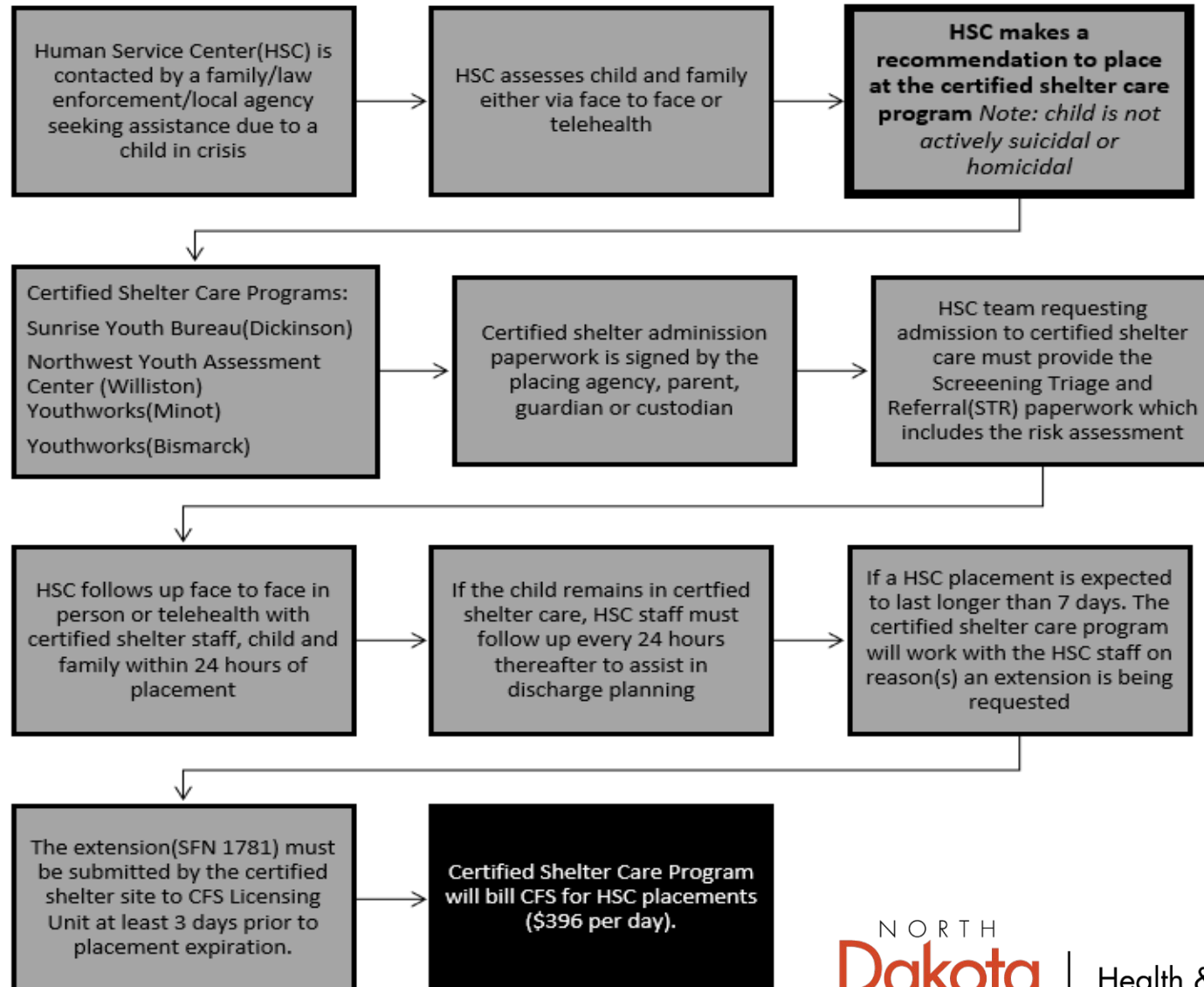
Provider: Certified nonsecure permanent dwelling run by an agency with employed staff 24-7.



Certified Shelter Care

- **Eligibility:** Children ages **10 to 18** involved with a [Human Service Zone, Tribal Nation, Division of Juvenile Services or Human Service Center Mobile Crisis](#):
- [Prevention \(CPS and In Home\)](#)
 - ✓ No TCO obtained
 - ✓ To be used as diversion and early intervention for children when present or impending danger exists, and temporary safe care is required.
- [Foster Care cases opened greater than 24 hours are all opened in data management system](#)
 - ✓ Financial contract with the placing agency as certified shelter care sites cannot be reimbursed through payment system
 - ✓ To be used when a child is between placements.
 - ✓ FRAME placement will be entered as “non-foster care”
- **Financials:** HHS has financial contracts for Human Service Center crisis clients only- all other eligible clients are reimbursed by a Zone, DJS, Tribal Nation or local funds.

Human Service Centers (HSC)



Approved Certified Shelter Care Scenario

A family is receiving services at the local HSC. On Tuesday night a behavioral health crisis occurs in the home and the family is attempting to de-escalate their child using the skills learned from the clinical team. The family contacts 988(formerly 211) and is seeking assistance from the HSC crisis team. The crisis team responds by assessing for risk to determine if the child is acutely suicidal or homicidal. The crisis team determines the child is not acutely suicidal or homicidal but could benefit from a night away from their primary caregiver in efforts to deescalate and mitigate further crisis. The crisis team presents this to the parents, who agree with the recommendation. The crisis team contacts the certified shelter care program for admission. The HSC staff meets with the child, family and shelter care program staff within 24 hours of placement to begin assessing for discharge and ensuring continuity of services and supports are available upon discharge home.

Shelter Care - Family Setting



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Shelter Care - Family Setting

- Diversion from foster care
- Does not require a Temporary Custody Order (TCO)
- Present danger exists
- Parents agree to a safety plan
- Temporary out of home placement
- Cannot exceed 7 calendar days



Eligibility

Children under the age of 18 involved with a Human Service Zone:

Prevention (CPS and In Home)

- ✓ No TCO obtained
- ✓ To be used as diversion and early intervention for children when present or impending danger exists, and temporary safe care is required.

Foster care cases opened greater than 24 hours, are all opened in the data management system

- ✓ All foster care cases will identify the licensed foster parent in the case management system as the primary placement and will receive reimbursement through the payment management system.

Shelter Care Providers

- Licensed foster care providers
- Licensed childcare providers



Approved Shelter Scenario

Law enforcement pulls dad over for speeding and there is a warrant for his arrest. There are three children in the vehicle and CPS is contacted to assess the situation. CPS visits with dad identifying there are no family or friends to care for the children. It is known dad will be released from jail early next week and CPS asks dad if he agrees to an out of home safety plan where the children could reside with a licensed provider over the weekend. CPS places the children in a licensed providers home for 4 days and requests to utilize shelter care funding. This diversion does not require the agency to obtain a TCO and the children do not need to enter foster care. CPS will remain the point of contact until dad is released and the children are returned to his physical custody.

Respite Care



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Respite Care

- Pre-planned arrangement
- Temporary relief care
- Special medical needs of the child
- Behavioral health needs of the child
- Requires time-limited supervision and support
- Stabilize placement
- Prevent removal from the home

Child Welfare Eligibility

Children under the age of 18 involved with:

Human Service Zones

- Child Protection Services (CPS)
- Case Management (In Home/Foster Care)

Division of Juvenile Services (DJS)

- Foster care placement

Tribal Social Services

- Foster care (IV-E) clients

Post-Adoption or Post- Guardianship

- Department subsidy recipient only

Human Service Center (HSC)

- HSC clients dually involved with a Human Service Zone, Tribe or DJS.

Duration

Overnights

No greater than 4 calendar days per respite care episode.

Non-overnights

No greater than 12 hours per week per respite care episode.



There is **no** limit on the number of respite care requests an eligible child may receive.

Respite Providers

- Licensed foster care providers
- Licensed childcare providers
- Contracted vendor/s with the Department.



Approved Respite Scenarios

Child is destroying property; the primary caregiver asks for help to re-group and seeks respite care to temporarily provide relief and support.

Approved Respite Scenarios

Relative caregivers are caring for a medically fragile infant, who is a substance exposed newborn. The child is inconsolable and requires 24-hour care. The relative caregivers are needing a break to re-group. Given the needs of the child, the case manager requests respite care to assist in meeting the child's needs, manage placement stability, and support the relative caregiver.

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Kinship ND- Prevention Resource



We provide

One on one support

**Help with information,
resources and referrals based
on individual needs**

Limited financial assistance

Top areas of need

- **Financial**
- **Supplies/ food**
- **Childcare**
- **Legal**
- **Mental health**

Support for caregivers who provide full-time care and protections for a child who cannot remain in their home

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ELIGIBILITY

- The caregiver must:
 - Be a North Dakota resident
 - Have full-time care of a child who is not their own
 - Have a preexisting relationship with the child
- We can assist caregivers who have
 - a private arrangement,
 - power of attorney,
 - guardianship,
 - tribal custody,
 - or are doing relative foster care.

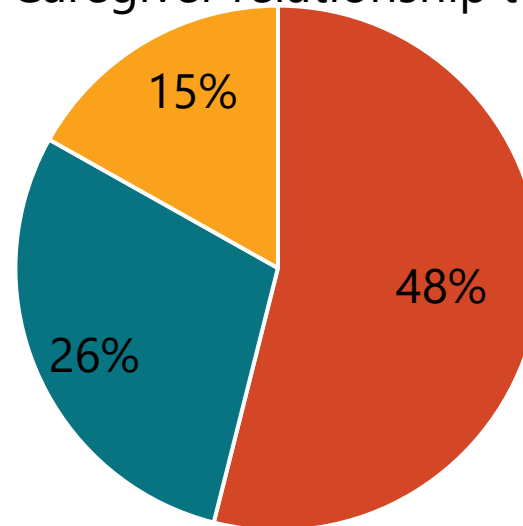
NOTE: Caregiver cannot be a licensed foster parent/provider for the child

Since we started serving people on March 17, 2021

400 - Caregiver applicants assisted

772 - Kinship children

Caregiver relationship to child



■ Grand parent & great grandparent

THANK YOU!

