



# PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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**TO:** Superintendents  
Directors, Exceptional Children Programs  
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**FROM:** Beverly Emory, Ed.D. *BEE*  
Deputy State Superintendent of District Support

Sherry H. Thomas, Director *SH*  
Exceptional Children Division

**RE: PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES (PRTFs)  
APPROVED TO PROVIDE SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (PL 108-446) and Article 9 of Chapter 115C of the North Carolina General Statutes require that the Department of Public Instruction monitor and approve non-public schools and facilities that provide special education and related services to children with disabilities placed in licensed Private Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) through the Local Management Entity (LME)/Managed Care Organization (MCO).

According to North Carolina legislation, PRTFs shall ensure that educational services are provided to any child admitted in the facility, including special education and related services to a student with a disability. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and PRTFs must work collaboratively in the areas of information sharing, Child Find, eligibility determination, reevaluation and discharge planning.

All students with disabilities placed in PRTFs are entitled to the same rights and procedural safeguards as outlined in *North Carolina Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities*. These rights and protections include provisions that the students' IEP services are aligned to the general education curriculum and establish measures of performance and outcomes consistent with those of their nondisabled peers.

A directory of approved PRTFs to provide special education in North Carolina is attached for your use. In the future, this directory will be revised throughout the year; therefore, please plan to regularly check the EC Division's website for any changes at <https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/policies/non-public-schools>.

You may contact Glendora Hagins, Monitor and Liaison for Non-Public Schools in Policy, Monitoring and Audit at (910) 417-5915 or [glendora.hagins@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:glendora.hagins@dpi.nc.gov) if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Attachment

c: Regional Coordinators  
Behavior Consultants  
PRTF Administrator

## EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN DIVISION

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## Directory of Approved Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs)

<b>Agency/Educational Program</b>	<b>Director/Administrator</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Renewal Due By</b>
<b>Alexander Youth Network</b> 6220 Thermal Road Charlotte, NC 20211	<b>Leonard Shinhoster</b> <b>Program Director</b> 704-362-8712	<b>Mecklenburg</b>	<b>June 30, 2022</b>
<b>Barium Springs Academy</b> <b>Barium Springs Home for Children</b> 156 Frazier Loop Statesville, NC 28677	<b>Stephanie Knowles</b> <b>Chief Operating Office</b> 828-260-7710 980-635-3394	<b>Iredell</b>	<b>June 30, 2022</b>
<b>Village Academy</b> <b>Brynn Marr Hospital</b> 192 Village Drive Jacksonville, NC 28546	<b>Doreen Tinkelpaugh</b> <b>Lead Teacher</b> 910-577- 1400	<b>Onslow</b>	<b>June 30, 2022</b>
<b>Canyon Hills Academy</b> <b>Canyon Hills Treatment Facility</b> 769 Aberdeen Road Raeford, NC 28376	<b>Stephanie McFayden</b> <b>Education Director</b> 910-878-1502	<b>Hoke</b>	<b>June 30, 2022</b>
<b>Cornerstone Treatment Facility</b> 129 Wallace Road Wadesboro, NC 28170	<b>Rich Koenig</b> <b>Director of Education and EC Services</b> 910-673-0833	<b>Anson</b>	<b>June 30, 2020</b>
<b>Hope Gardens Treatment Center</b> <b>Cornerstone Treatment Facility</b> 1958 Turnpike Rd. Raeford, NC 28376	<b>Rich Koenig</b> <b>Director of Education and EC Services</b> 910-673-0833	<b>Hoke</b>	<b>June 30, 2020</b>
<b>Jackson Springs Treatment Center</b> <b>CTFP, Inc.</b> 778 Hoffman Rd. West End, NC 27376	<b>Rich Koenig</b> <b>Director of Education and EC Services</b> 910-673-0833	<b>Moore</b>	<b>June 30, 2020</b>
<b>Eliada Homes, Inc.</b> 2 Compton Drive Asheville, NC 28806	<b>Vicky Matthews</b> <b>EC Teacher/Education Coordinator</b> 828-254-5356 ext. 365	<b>Buncombe</b>	<b>June 30, 2020</b>
<b>Five Points Education and Training Center</b> <b>NOVA PRTF</b> 2002 Shackelford Road P.O. Box 2277 Kinston, NC 28501	<b>Kathy Ham</b> <b>Education Coordinator</b> 252-233-0491	<b>Lenoir</b>	<b>June 30, 2021</b>
<b>Grace House Treatment Center</b> <b>Premier Healthcare Services</b> 1892 Turnpike Rd. Raeford, NC 28376	<b>Rich Koenig</b> <b>Director of Education and EC Services</b> 910-673-0833	<b>Hoke</b>	<b>June 30, 2020</b>

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<b>Premier Academy</b> <b>Premier Service of the Carolina</b> 109 Penny Lane Albemarle, NC	<b>Robert Freeman</b> <b>Program Administrator</b> 704-985-1178  <b>Katie Hinson</b> <b>General Education Teacher</b> 704-985-1178  <b>June Hysell</b> <b>EC Teacher</b> 704-985-1178	<b>Stanly</b>	<b>June 30, 2020</b>
<b>Strategic Academy</b> <b>Strategic Behavioral Center</b> 3200 Waterfield Drive Garner, NC 27529	<b>Carolyn King</b> <b>Education Director</b> 919-800-4400	<b>Wake</b>	<b>June 30, 2020</b>
<b>Carolina Dunes Academy</b> <b>Carolina Dunes Behavioral Health</b> 2050 Mercantile Drive Leland, NC 28451	<b>Kim Hinson</b> <b>Director of Education</b> 910-371-2500	<b>Brunswick</b>	<b>June 30, 2020</b>
<b>The School of Thompson</b> <b>Thompson Child and Family Focus</b> 6800 Saint Peters Lane Matthews, NC 28015	<b>Clinton Reynolds</b> <b>Education Director</b> 704-644-4364	<b>Mecklenburg</b>	<b>June 30, 2022</b>
<b>Veritas Collaborative, LLC</b> 4024 Stirrup Creek Drive Durham, NC 27703	<b>Kevin Scott</b> <b>Hospital Education Manager</b> 919-908-9779	<b>Durham</b>	<b>June 30, 2021</b>
<b>Youth Focus</b> <b>Alexander Youth Network</b> 1601 Huffine Mill Road Greensboro, NC 27405	<b>Toika Neese</b> <b>Lead Teacher</b> 336-375-8333	<b>Guilford</b>	<b>June 30, 2020</b>