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## EDUCATION SERVICES IN PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES

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**State Authorization:** Session Law 2014-100 (Senate Bill744, Section 8.39)

**N. C. Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services**

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**N. C. DHHS Confirmation Reports:**

SFY 2019 audit confirmation reports for payments made to Counties, Local Management Entities (LMEs), Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), Boards of Education, Councils of Government, District Health Departments and DHSR Grant Subrecipients will be available by mid-October at the following web address:  
<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/administrative-offices/office-controller/audit-confirmation-reports>. At this site, click on the link entitled “Audit Confirmation Reports (State Fiscal Year 2018-2019).” Additionally, audit confirmation reports for Nongovernmental entities receiving financial assistance from DHHS are found at the same website except select “Non-Governmental Audit Confirmation Reports (State Fiscal Years 2017-2019).”

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**Brief Description of Program:** The purpose of this program is to provide funds to Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) for the provision of educational services as required by S.L. 2014-100 (S744). There are currently 14 parent PRTF agencies that are eligible to receive funding per this legislation. They serve approximately 1,000 children a year in 27 different sites.

There is much variability in the quality and quantity of educational services provided to children in PRTFs. Standardization of and adherence to the minimal instructional requirements within PRTFs is needed to ensure that the educational needs of these children are met. These students are often at increased risk for poor academic, occupational and social outcomes. With improved educational instruction while in the PRTF, these students have increased chances to successfully transition back to their home school districts and have academic and occupational success.

**Organizations Funded:**            ☒ Private            ☐ Local Government            ☐ Both

**Program Procedures:**

S.L.2014-100(s744) states: “To the extent that funds are allocated and available to the Department of Public Instruction for the delivery of services, those funds shall be transferred to the DMH/DD/SAS. The DMH/DD/SAS shall contract with approved agencies for educational services in a manner determined by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Instruction in a Memorandum of Agreement. “

In addition, to be eligible for funding, the PRTF must be licensed by The Department of Health Services Regulation (DHSR) as a PRTF and have an Exceptional Children’s Education Program that is approved by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Failure to meet these criteria can result in

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termination of funding. DHHS contracts with each parent agency for services on an annual basis. Programs submit monthly Financial Status Reports for reimbursement of approved expenses.

**Source of Funds:** State   X   Federal       

### **SUBRECIPIENTS:**

#### **PRIVATE – NOT FOR PROFIT**

Alexander Youth Network  
Barium Springs Home for Children  
Eliada Homes, Inc.  
Thompson Child and Family Focus  
Youth Focus

#### **PRIVATE – FOR PROFIT**

Brynn Marr  
Cornerstone Treatment Facility, Inc.  
Cornerstone Treatment Facility Program, Inc.  
Nova  
Premier Healthcare Services  
Premier Service of the Carolinas  
Strategic Behavioral Health – Wilmington  
Strategic Behavioral Health – Garner  
Veritas