



# Grayson County Department of Juvenile Services

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## Pre-Admissions Requirements Psychological Evaluations & Behavioral Health Assessments

**TAC §343.600 Required Pre-Admission Records** requires a psychological evaluation, behavioral health assessment, or psychiatric evaluation completed within 365 calendar days prior to the resident's admission date. TAC §343.100 defines psychological evaluations and mental health assessments and requires at a minimum the following elements:

- (a) Clinical interview;
- (b) Psychosocial evaluation, including a history of traumatic events, to include:
  - (i) Family history;
  - (ii) Community/living environment;
  - (iii) Peer relationships; and
  - (iv) Academic/vocational history;
- (c) Review of the following files and associated records in the possession of the juvenile probation department:
  - (i) Juvenile probation records;
  - (ii) Mental health records;
  - (iii) Medical records;
  - (iv) Previous mental health testing records; and
  - (v) Educational records;
- (d) Parent/guardian interview, unless the parent/guardian is unwilling to participate, and any other collateral interviews the psychologist deems appropriate, such as a teacher or the child's juvenile probation officer;
- (e) Psychometric testing, only if there is no record of psychometric testing within the past three years. Psychometric testing must be conducted with instruments that are recognized and accepted by the American Psychological Association or another professional mental health organization and must include:
  - (i) Achievement assessment;
  - (ii) Personality assessment; and
  - (iii) Intellectual assessment;
- (f) Diagnostic impression; and
- (g) Review of risks, strengths, and recommendations of intervention.

**TAC §343.704 Pre-Admission Requirements** requires a psychological evaluation or behavioral health assessment, which shall indicate whether there are therapeutic contraindications to the resident's participation in the physical training program.

\*Please ensure that psychological evaluations and behavioral health assessments submitted for admissions are reviewed to determine if they meet the above requirements. If evaluations/assessments do not include any of the required elements, please request the clinician who completed the evaluation/assessment provide an addendum or written documentation clarifying any elements not included in order to meet the requirements listed above.