

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE DIVISION OF  
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-28, NRS 424.274.

A REGULATION relating to receiving centers; requiring a receiving center to be licensed; establishing the requirements and procedure for the issuance or renewal of a license to operate a receiving center; establishing the fees for initial licensure and renewal of a license to operate a receiving center; establishing the circumstances under which certain disciplinary action may be imposed against a receiving center; providing for certain investigations of a receiving center; providing for the confidentiality of certain information; establishing qualifications and requiring certain training and continuing education for certain staff of a receiving center; prescribing certain procedures in the event of a vacancy in the position of director of a receiving center; prescribing requirements governing the operation and financial management of a receiving center; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Human Services to adopt regulations for: (1) the licensure and renewal of licensure to operate a receiving center for commercially sexually exploited children; (2) the fee for such licensure and renewal; (3) staffing requirements for a receiving center and requirements governing the training of such staff; (4) operational requirements for a receiving center and the facility in which a receiving center operates; and (5) the grounds for the suspension or revocation of a license or the imposition of other disciplinary action against a receiving center. (NRS 424.274)

**Sections 25-28** of this regulation revise the definitions of certain terms so that those terms can be used appropriately in relation to receiving centers. **Section 2** of this regulation requires that a person or entity that operates or provides the services of a receiving center be licensed. **Sections 3-6** of this regulation prescribe the documentation that an applicant for such a license must include with his or her application. **Section 6** specifically requires such an applicant to provide proof that the applicant has applied for or holds certain accreditation. If a receiving center fails to obtain such accreditation within 6 months after licensure or fails to maintain such accreditation, **section 6** requires the receiving center to cease operating as a receiving center. **Section 7** of this regulation establishes the fees for the application for or renewal of a license to

operate a receiving center. **Section 8** of this regulation prescribes the period for which an application is valid and the procedure for withdrawing an application. **Section 9** of this regulation requires an applicant for the issuance or renewal of a license to operate a receiving center to authorize the release of necessary information for the Division to evaluate the application. **Section 9** provides that, before issuing or renewing a license, the Division will investigate the premises, facilities, qualifications of personnel, policies and methods of operation of a receiving center and certain contractors thereof for compliance with applicable statutes and regulations.

**Sections 9 and 10** of this regulation provide for the issuance of a license to operate a receiving center if the applicant is found to be in compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements after such an investigation. **Section 10** also prescribes: (1) the required contents of a license; and (2) certain limitations on the validity and transfer of a license. Finally, **section 10** requires a receiving center to display its license in its administrative office at all times. **Section 11** of this regulation establishes the process and requirements for the renewal of a license to operate a receiving center. **Section 12** of this regulation provides that the Division may deny an application for the issuance or renewal of a license to operate a receiving center, suspend or revoke such a license or terminate a contract to operate a receiving center if the Division determines that the applicant or licensee, as applicable, has made certain intentional material misrepresentations or omissions. **Section 13** of this regulation requires a receiving center to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, local ordinances and environmental, safety, fire, health and local building codes.

**Section 14** of this regulation allows the Division to review, examine, inspect or audit a receiving center at any time for compliance with applicable statutes and regulations. **Section 15** of this regulation provides that the Division will investigate a receiving center if it has reason to believe that there are grounds for imposing disciplinary action. **Section 15** also authorizes the Division to require an independent financial review of a receiving center under certain circumstances if the Division determines after a review, examination, inspection, audit or investigation that grounds exist to impose disciplinary action. **Section 16** of this regulation requires the Division to hold a hearing to determine whether to: (1) suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license to operate a receiving center; (2) require a plan of corrective action; or (3) terminate a contract to operate a receiving center. **Section 16** also prescribes the grounds for imposing each of those sanctions. **Section 17** of this regulation provides for the confidentiality of certain information in the possession of the Division or a receiving center.

**Section 18** of this regulation: (1) requires a receiving center to have a director who possesses certain qualifications; and (2) prescribes the duties of the director. **Section 19** of this regulation requires a receiving center to notify the Division if the director resigns or is terminated. If there is a vacancy in the position of director, **section 19** requires a receiving center to: (1) apply to the Division for permission to continue operations without a permanent director; (2) appoint an acting director; and (3) immediately begin to recruit a new director. **Section 20** of this regulation requires a receiving center to ensure that the members of the staff of the receiving center complete certain continuing education.

**Section 21** of this regulation requires a receiving center to adopt certain written policies, procedures and practices relating to the operations of the receiving center and the provisions of care and services by a receiving center. **Section 22** of this regulation prescribes certain additional requirements concerning the provision of care and services placed in a receiving center. **Section 23** of this regulation establishes requirements governing the financial management of a receiving

center. **Section 24** of this regulation: (1) adopts by reference certain existing regulations governing the operation of psychiatric residential treatment facilities; and (2) requires a receiving center to comply with those provisions, with certain exceptions.

**Section 1.** Chapter 424 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation.

**Sec. 2. 1.** *A person or entity shall not operate or provide the services of a receiving center or represent that the person or entity operates or provides the services of a receiving center unless that person or entity is licensed by the Division pursuant to sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation to operate the receiving center.*

*2. This section must not be construed to prohibit a parent or guardian of a child from placing or arranging the placement of, or assisting in placing or arranging the placement of, the child in a receiving center.*

**Sec. 3.** *In addition to the information required by sections 4, 5 and 6 of this regulation, an application for a license to operate a receiving center submitted to the Division pursuant to NRS 424.274 must be accompanied by:*

*1. A copy of the articles of incorporation, governing documents and bylaws of the receiving center applying for licensure and, if applicable, a copy of its certification of tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service or charitable trust registration.*

*2. The name, address, contact information, position held within the receiving center and any other information required by the Division for each of the current members of the governing body of the receiving center and any person who holds more than 5 percent ownership in the receiving center.*

*3. An organizational chart or other chart showing the structure of the receiving center which includes, without limitation, a job description for each position listed in the chart.*

*4. A copy of any professional license or certification issued by this State to each person employed by the receiving center, if the license or certification is relevant to the duties of the person or the programs and services provided by the receiving center.*

*5. Evidence satisfactory to the Division that the receiving center is in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and all safety, health, building and fire codes. If there are any differences between the state and local codes, the more restrictive standards apply.*

*6. The fee set forth in section 7 of this regulation.*

*7. A written statement that describes the programs and services to be offered by the receiving center and the scope of its operations, which must include, without limitation, a statement of the purpose, philosophy, goals and objectives of the receiving center.*

*8. A copy of the written policies, procedures and practices of the receiving center adopted pursuant to section 21 of this regulation;*

*9. If the applicant is a receiving center that is currently operating in this State or another state, a complete financial report, deemed acceptable by the Division, for the receiving center or business organization that owns the receiving center for the fiscal year immediately preceding the date of the application.*

*10. If the applicant is a receiving center that is not currently operating in this State or another state, a proposed itemized budget for the operation of the receiving center, including, without limitation, the expected expenses and revenue for the first year the receiving center proposes to provide programs and services in this State.*

*11. A statement identifying the geographic area in which the receiving center proposes to provide programs and services in this State.*

*12. Evidence that the applicant currently holds and maintains:*

- (a) Motor vehicle liability insurance covering the motor vehicles used to conduct the normal business of the receiving center;*
- (b) Workers' compensation insurance;*
- (c) Commercial general liability insurance;*
- (d) Professional liability insurance, if applicable; and*
- (e) Where applicable, a state business license issued by the Secretary of State and a license to operate a business in a city or county in this State issued by that city or county.*

*13. Copies of any certificates of occupancy or special use permits obtained in connection with the operation of the receiving center.*

*14. Copies of any property leases or rental agreements for properties on which the receiving center will operate or any properties on which operations relating to the receiving center will be conducted.*

*15. Evidence satisfactory to the Division that the applicant has sufficient funds to support and sustain the activities of the receiving center, including, without limitation, an amount adequate to pay for:*

- (a) Utilities, rent for commercial property and any other operating costs; and*
- (b) The salaries and other wages of any staff employed or anticipated to be employed by the receiving center.*

**Sec. 4. 1.** *In addition to the information required by sections 3, 5 and 6 of this regulation, an application for a license to operate a receiving center submitted to the Division pursuant to NRS 424.274 must be accompanied by:*

- (a) Proof satisfactory to the Division that the director has:*
  - (1) The education and experience required by section 18 of this regulation; and*

*(2) The ability to coordinate with multiple agencies, including, without limitation, law enforcement agencies and agencies that provide child welfare services; and*

*(b) References from at least five persons who have known the director of the receiving center in a professional capacity and who can attest to:*

*(1) The ability of the director to act as an administrator or leader; and*

*(2) The integrity of the director and that the conduct of the director is above reproach.*

*2. The Division will keep confidential any information received from a reference pursuant to this section.*

**Sec. 5.** *In addition to the information required by sections 3, 4 and 6 of this regulation, an application for a license to operate a receiving center submitted to the Division pursuant to NRS 424.274 must be accompanied by:*

*1. A list of each member of the staff of the receiving center, including, without limitation, the name, title, education and experience of each member of the staff;*

*2. A description of the characteristics of the children to be served by the receiving center, including, without limitation:*

*(a) The range of ages, gender and gender identity or expression of the children that the receiving center will serve;*

*(b) The number of children that the receiving center will serve;*

*(c) The types and severity of problems of any children who require treatment and will be served by the receiving center; and*

*(d) Any other exclusionary criteria that the receiving center will use;*

*3. A description of the duties and responsibilities of the staff of the receiving center, including, without limitation:*

- (a) Whether each duty or responsibility is related to inpatient services or outpatient services; and*
- (b) The specific duties and responsibilities of each member of the staff related to the multi-stage stabilization process carried out by the receiving center;*
- 4. A description of the manner in which the receiving center establishes staff ratios and staff scheduling;*
- 5. If the applicant is or has been licensed to operate a foster home, any type of facility, hospital, agency, program or home, as defined in NRS 449.119, or an equivalent setting in another jurisdiction within the 10 years immediately preceding the date of the application:*
- (a) A copy of each current or expired license;*
- (b) Contact information for the entity that issued the license;*
- (c) Verification from the entity that issued the license that no disciplinary action is pending or has been taken against the applicant while licensed, or if disciplinary action is pending or has been taken against the applicant while licensed, documentation explaining that disciplinary action is pending or has been taken against the applicant while licensed;*
- (d) Disclosure of any prior history of the license, suspension or revocation of the license or voluntary relinquishment of the license;*
- (e) The current status of the licenses, if applicable; and*
- (f) Written permission for the Division to contact any person necessary to obtain any information regarding the history of licensure; and*
- 6. If the applicant has applied to operate any type of facility, agency or business that provides health care, personal care or social services in any jurisdiction within the 10 years*

*immediately preceding the date of the current application and the application in the other jurisdiction was denied, documentation explaining the reason for the denial.*

**Sec. 6. 1.** *In addition to the information required by sections 3, 4 and 5 of this regulation, an application for a license to operate a receiving center submitted to the Division pursuant to NRS 424.274 must be accompanied by proof that the applicant has applied for accreditation by, or is accredited by:*

*(a) The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, or its successor organization;*

*(b) The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, or its successor organization;*

*(c) The Council on Accreditation, or its successor organization; or*

*(d) Any other organization approved by the Division pursuant to subsection 2.*

**2.** *An organization that accredits receiving centers and wishes to be recognized by the Division as an accrediting organization for the purposes of this section must submit to the Division an application on a form prescribed by the Division. The Division will review each application received pursuant to this subsection and may approve or deny the application based upon whether the applicant requires a receiving center to meet minimum requirements that the Division determines will ensure a high level of care.*

**3.** *If a receiving center fails to obtain the accreditation required by subsection 1 within 6 months after receiving a license or fails to maintain such accreditation at any time after obtaining accreditation, the receiving center shall:*

*(a) Immediately cease accepting new children as inpatients or outpatients of the receiving center; and*

*(b) As soon as practicable:*

*(1) Find new placements for all children who are currently inpatients at the receiving center;*

*(2) Find new providers to provide care to children who are currently outpatients at the receiving center; and*

*(3) Cease operating as a receiving center.*

**Sec. 7.** *An application for a license or renewal of a license to operate a receiving center pursuant to NRS 424.274 must be accompanied by the appropriate fee as follows:*

- 1. If the receiving center is to provide care for 6 or fewer children .....\$20*
- 2. If the receiving center is to provide care for 7 or more but not more than 12 children  
..... 60*
- 3. If the receiving center is to provide care for 13 or more but not more than 50 children  
.....100*
- 4. If the receiving center is to provide care for 51 or more but not more than 100 children  
.....150*
- 5. If the receiving center is to provide care for 101 or more but not more than 150 children  
.....200*
- 6. If the receiving center is to provide care for 151 or more but not more than 200 children  
.....250*
- 7. If the receiving center is to provide care for more than 200 children .....300*

**Sec. 8.** *1. An application for a license to operate a receiving center is valid for 1 year after the date on which the application is submitted. If an applicant does not meet the requirements for licensure imposed by NRS 424.272 to 424.278, inclusive, and sections 2 to*

*24, inclusive, of this regulation within 1 year after the date on which the application was submitted, the applicant must submit a new application and pay the fee required by section 7 of this regulation in order to be considered for licensure.*

*2. An applicant for a license to operate a receiving center may withdraw the application at any time by submitting a written request for withdrawal to the Division. After withdrawing an application, the applicant may reapply for a license to operate a receiving center at any time without paying the fee set forth in section 7 of this regulation or any penalty.*

**Sec. 9.** *1. An applicant for the issuance or renewal of a license to operate a receiving center must authorize the release of such information as requested by the Division, including, without limitation, any release necessary to allow the Division to contact any person deemed necessary to evaluate the applicant and application to operate a receiving center.*

*2. Upon receipt of a properly completed application for the issuance or renewal of a license, including proof of the identity of the applicant that is acceptable to the Division and the fee required by section 7 of this regulation, the Division will conduct an investigation and inspection concerning the premises, facilities, qualifications of personnel, policies and methods of operation of the receiving center and any service provider or facility that has entered into a contract with the receiving center, to determine if the applicant is in compliance with the provisions of NRS 424.272 to 424.278, inclusive, and sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation.*

*3. Before the Division will issue or renew a license:*

*(a) The Division must conclude, as a result of an investigation and inspection conducted pursuant to subsection 2, that the applicant is in compliance with the provisions of NRS 424.272 to 424.278, inclusive, and sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation;*

*(b) The applicant must pass any inspection required by the State Fire Marshal or the local fire department; and*

*(c) The Division must confirm that the receiving center has all permits required by chapter 580 of NRS and all other permits required by any local government where the receiving center is located.*

**Sec. 10. 1.** *If the Division determines that an applicant for a license to operate a receiving center meets the qualifications for licensure, the Division will issue a license to the applicant.*

*2. A license issued pursuant to this section must include, without limitation:*

*(a) The name of the director of the receiving center;*

*(b) The name and address of the receiving center;*

*(c) The type of receiving center, which may be stated as:*

*(1) Inpatient center;*

*(2) Outpatient center; or*

*(3) Both inpatient and outpatient center;*

*(d) The maximum number of beds and children authorized to reside at the receiving center; and*

*(e) The age, gender and gender identity or expression of children who may reside at or receive services from the receiving center.*

*3. A license to operate a receiving center:*

*(a) Becomes invalid if the receiving center is moved to a location other than the location stated on the license.*

*(b) May not be transferred to another owner.*

4. *A receiving center shall display its license in the administrative office of the receiving center at all times.*

5. *A receiving center may also be licensed as a different type of facility if the receiving center meets the requirements for licensure as both a receiving center and the other type of facility.*

**Sec. 11. 1.** *To renew a license to operate a receiving center, the person licensed to operate the receiving center must submit an application to the Division at least 60 days before the expiration of the license.*

2. *The application must be accompanied by:*

(a) *The fee set forth in section 7 of this regulation;*

(b) *A written description of any changes in the tax-exempt status or charitable trust registration of the receiving center, if applicable;*

(c) *A written description of any changes in the programs and services provided by the receiving center;*

(d) *A list which includes the name of the director of the receiving center and the name and title of each member of the staff of the receiving center;*

(e) *A description of any pending investigation of the receiving center or the person or entity licensed to operate the receiving center by an entity other than the Division;*

(f) *A copy of any plan of corrective action prepared by the receiving center pursuant to section 16 of this regulation which is in place at the time of the application for renewal;*

(g) *A list of each service provider or facility with which the receiving center has entered into a contract and the contact information for each contracted service provider and facility,*

*including, without limitation, the name, telephone number, address and electronic mail address of each contracted service provider and facility;*

*(h) If requested by the Division, a copy of any license obtained or renewed by the receiving center from any other agency since the license to operate the receiving center was issued or last renewed by the Division; and*

*(i) Any other information required by sections 3 to 6, inclusive, of this regulation, if the information has changed since the license was issued or last renewed.*

*3. After receiving an application for renewal, the Division will:*

*(a) Review the records of the receiving center; and*

*(b) Conduct an investigation and inspection of the operations of the receiving center pursuant to section 9 of this regulation.*

*4. Before renewing a license to operate a receiving center, the Division may:*

*(a) Conduct a random survey of the parents or legal guardians of any children who have received services from the receiving center;*

*(b) Review any incident report, report of abuse or neglect, financial and payment record or any other record that indicates the level of performance and quality of programs and services provided by the receiving center;*

*(c) Interview any member of the staff, parent or legal guardian, child or other client associated with or receiving services from the receiving center;*

*(d) Review the operations, staffing and records of the receiving center;*

*(e) If the Division has requested that the receiving center conduct a financial audit, review the results of the audit and any documented financial problems of the receiving center;*

*(f) Evaluate the number of investigations concerning child abuse or neglect and licensing complaints, if any, involving the receiving center, staff or any other service provider or facility that has entered into a contract with the receiving center; or*

*(g) Take any combination of the actions listed in paragraphs (a) to (f), inclusive.*

*Sec. 12. The Division may deny an application for the issuance or renewal of a license to operate a receiving center, suspend or revoke an existing license to operate a receiving center or terminate a contract to operate a receiving center if the Division determines that the applicant or person licensed or contracted to operate the receiving center has made any intentional material misrepresentation or omission of information on an application for the issuance or renewal of such a license or in the process of obtaining the contract.*

*Sec. 13. 1. The authority to operate a receiving center is dependent upon continued compliance with the licensing requirements of the Division as provided by sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation.*

*2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, each receiving center shall comply with all applicable:*

*(a) Federal and state laws;*

*(b) Local ordinances, including, without limitation, zoning ordinances; and*

*(c) Environmental, safety, fire, health and local building codes.*

*Sec. 14. 1. The Division may, at any time, review, examine, inspect or audit any and all records of a receiving center to determine whether the receiving center is in compliance with the provisions of NRS 424.272 to 424.278, inclusive, and sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation.*

*2. If the Division conducts a review, examination, inspection or audit of a receiving center pursuant to this section, the person licensed or contracted to operate the receiving center shall provide, upon request, records relating to:*

*(a) The license to operate the receiving center;*

*(b) The name and address of the person licensed or contracted to operate the receiving center;*

*(c) The programs and services provided by the receiving center;*

*(d) Any complaint filed against the receiving center, including, without limitation, information regarding any investigation of such a complaint; and*

*(e) If the receiving center has participated in a hearing pursuant to section 16 of this regulation which resulted in the denial of a license due to noncompliance with any provisions of NRS or any regulations of the Division, which required the receiving center to prepare a plan of corrective action due to a deficiency or which resulted in the suspension, revocation or refusal to renew the license of the receiving center, any records indicating whether the receiving center has corrected any deficiency and whether the receiving center is currently in compliance with NRS 424.272 to 424.278, inclusive, and sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation.*

*3. Within 30 days after completing the review, examination, inspection or audit of records, if the Division determines that the receiving center is not in compliance with any provisions of NRS 424.272 to 424.278, inclusive, or sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation, the Division will provide written notice of that determination to the person licensed or contracted to operate the receiving center. If the Division determines that grounds exist to impose disciplinary action against the receiving center, the notice must comply with the*

*requirements of section 16 of this regulation, and the Division will conduct a hearing in accordance with that section.*

**Sec. 15. 1.** *The Division will conduct an investigation whenever it has reason to believe that there are grounds to impose disciplinary action against the receiving center pursuant to section 16 of this regulation.*

*2. The Division may require an independent financial review of a receiving center if the financial management of the receiving center is being investigated and may affect the health, safety or well-being of the children in the receiving center. The report of any such financial review must be provided to the Division.*

**Sec. 16. 1.** *If the Division determines after conducting a review, examination, inspection or audit pursuant to section 14 of this regulation or an investigation pursuant to section 15 of this regulation that grounds exist to take any action set forth in subsection 3, the Division will conduct a hearing in accordance with this section after providing written notice to the applicant or the person licensed to operate the receiving center. The notice must include, without limitation, a statement of the grounds for the determination of the Division and the time and place of the hearing.*

*2. The Division will hold a hearing with the applicant or the person licensed or contracted to operate the receiving center to determine whether to take an action set forth in subsection 3.*

*3. After a hearing conducted pursuant to subsection 2, the Division may:*

*(a) Deny an application for a license to operate a receiving center:*

*(1) If the Division determines that the applicant has failed to comply with the provisions of NRS 424.272 to 424.278, inclusive, or sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation; or*

*(2) For any reason set forth in section 12 of this regulation.*

*(b) Require a receiving center to prepare a plan of corrective action if the Division finds that the receiving center has violated NRS 424.272 to 424.278, inclusive, or sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation.*

*(c) Refuse to renew a license, suspend a license or revoke a license:*

*(1) If the Division finds that the receiving center has violated NRS 424.272 to 424.278, inclusive, or sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation; or*

*(2) For any reason set forth in section 12 of this regulation.*

*(d) Terminate a contract to operate a receiving center:*

*(1) If the Division finds that the receiving center has violated NRS 424.272 to 424.278, inclusive, or sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation or any provision of the contract; or*

*(2) For any reason set forth in section 12 of this regulation.*

*4. If the Division requires the receiving center to prepare a plan of corrective action pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2, the receiving center shall, within 30 days after the hearing, submit the plan of corrective action to the Division for review and approval. The receiving center may use the services of a consultant to develop or carry out the plan of corrective action.*

**Sec. 17. *Except as otherwise required by law:***

*1. The Division will keep confidential any information provided to the Division by an applicant or receiving center pursuant to NRS 424.272 to 424.278, inclusive, or sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation.*

*2. A receiving center shall, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, ensure that the person licensed or contracted to operate the receiving center, each owner and each member of the governing body of the receiving center, the staff of the receiving center, any paid*

*consultant, contractor, volunteer or vendor of the receiving center and any other person affiliated with the receiving center keeps confidential any information regarding a child who receives services from the receiving center.*

*3. A receiving center may share information with agencies that provide services to at-risk youth, law enforcement agencies and agencies which provide child welfare services to the extent authorized or required pursuant to the provisions of NRS 432C.150.*

**Sec. 18.** *1. A receiving center must have a director who is responsible for the overall operation of the receiving center.*

*2. The director must be at least 21 years of age and must have:*

*(a) A bachelor's degree or more advanced degree from an accredited college or university; and*

*(b) At least 7 years of experience in an agency or program that provides social services, including:*

*(1) At least 3 years of experience as an administrator, supervisor or consultant; and*

*(2) At least 5 years of experience in:*

*(I) Trauma-informed practices;*

*(II) Evidence-based practices;*

*(III) De-escalation techniques;*

*(IV) Subject matter, including, without limitation, psychology, specifically related to commercially sexually exploited children;*

*(V) Program development;*

*(VI) Working with children with mental health concerns, emotional disturbances, complex trauma, anger issues and involvement in delinquent acts;*

*(VII) Operating any type of inpatient or outpatient facility;*

*(VIII) Child welfare; and*

*(IX) Juvenile justice.*

*3. The director of a receiving center is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the receiving center, including, without limitation, employing such staff as he or she deems necessary to provide administrative services and services to commercially sexually exploited children. The responsibilities of the director of a receiving center further include, without limitation:*

*(a) Ensuring that the receiving center remains in compliance with the requirements of NRS 424.272 to 424.278, inclusive, and sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation;*

*(b) Maintaining records relating to personnel, occupancy and treatment and any other records;*

*(c) Screening, hiring, scheduling and supervising the staff of the receiving center while on duty;*

*(d) Overseeing the operations of the receiving center, including, without limitation:*

*(1) Determinations of the appropriateness of placing a child in a receiving center;*

*(2) Assessments of commercially sexually exploited children and the development of treatment plans;*

*(3) Providing technical assistance to the staff of the receiving center;*

*(4) Reviewing and updating the policies and procedures of the receiving center; and*

*(5) Developing procedures to manage and reduce risks to the health, safety and well-being of the children receiving services from the receiving center;*

*(e) Working collaboratively with agencies which provide child welfare services, law enforcement agencies, community-based nonprofit organizations, providers of health care and other similar persons and entities in the provision of inpatient and outpatient services to commercially sexually exploited children; and*

*(f) Cooperating with agencies which provide child welfare services and other governmental entities to improve the quality of placement or care provided by the receiving center and the competence of its staff.*

*4. The director, or a designee of the director, must be physically present in a receiving center, in the field or in the office of the receiving center for at least 30 hours per week to ensure that the staff of the receiving center carry out the operations of the receiving center in accordance with the philosophy and procedures of the receiving center. The director shall designate a supervisory staff member to monitor the receiving center to ensure continuous compliance with the provisions NRS 424.272 to 424.278, inclusive, and sections 2 to 24, inclusive, of this regulation during any time that the director is not present at the receiving center.*

*5. The director shall report any proposed changes in the programs, services, policies or procedures of the receiving center to the Division at least 30 days before the change is scheduled to take effect. The Division will review the proposed change to determine whether the change may affect the status of the license to operate the receiving center.*

*6. The director of a receiving center may serve in another position in the receiving center if the director also meets the qualifications for that position.*

*7. A receiving center must at all times have access to a licensed physician, physician assistant or registered nurse.*

**Sec. 19. 1. *If the director of a receiving center resigns or is terminated, the receiving center shall notify the Division in writing not later than 3 business days after the resignation or termination occurs.***

**2. *If a vacancy in the position of director occurs, the receiving center must apply to the Division for approval to continue the operation of the receiving center temporarily without a permanent director. The Division may give such approval if it is determined that such operation will not compromise the provision of services to children by the receiving center. If the Division gives such approval, the receiving center may operate without a permanent director for not more than 6 months unless an extension is granted by the Division.***

**3. *A receiving center that applies for permission to operate temporarily without a permanent director pursuant to subsection 2 shall:***

**(a) *Not later than 7 calendar days after the vacancy in the position of director is created, designate an acting director who meets the requirements of section 18 of this regulation, unless the receiving center receives approval from the Division to designate an acting director who does not meet those requirements. The Division may give such approval if it determines that the designation of such an acting director will not compromise the provision of services to children by the receiving center.***

**(b) *Notify the Division within 1 business day after the designation of the acting director.***

**(c) *Require the acting director to carry out the duties and responsibilities of a director.***

**(d) *Ensure that the health, safety and well-being of any child who receives services from the receiving center will not be adversely affected.***

**(e) *Immediately begin to recruit a new director.***

**Sec. 20. 1.** *A receiving center shall ensure that each member of the staff of the receiving center receives and completes not less than 20 hours of continuing education annually. The continuing education required by this subsection must be appropriate to the position held by and duties of the person.*

**2.** *The continuing education required by subsection 1 must include, without limitation, training on:*

- (a) Trauma informed practices;*
- (b) De-escalation techniques;*
- (c) Evidence-based practices; and*
- (d) Other topics specifically related to treatment or care for commercially sexually exploited children.*

**3.** *Any continuing education completed by a member of the direct care staff of a receiving center who is required to maintain a professional license may not be counted towards the hours of continuing education required by subsection 1.*

**Sec. 21. 1.** *A receiving center shall adopt written policies, procedures and practices, which must include, without limitation:*

- (a) Policies concerning the placement of a child in the receiving center and the removal of a child from the receiving center;*
- (b) Policies concerning required training for the staff of the receiving center before the staff begins employment and continuing education pursuant to section 20 of this regulation, which must include, without limitation, training concerning the applicable state and federal constitutional and statutory rights of a child placed in a receiving center;*

*(c) Policies concerning the typical length of time by which a child receiving services from the receiving center is expected to complete a program of treatment, if any, and any limitations on the length of time that such a child is allowed to continue receiving services from the receiving center;*

*(d) Policies concerning specialized programs, services and behavioral interventions provided by the receiving center;*

*(e) Policies concerning culturally responsive programs and services available to a child receiving services from the receiving center, including, without limitation, the measures the receiving center is taking to ensure compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 U.S.C. §§ 1901 et seq., when it is applicable to a child placed in the receiving center;*

*(f) Policies concerning the manner in which the receiving center will meet the medical, educational, spiritual, vocational and recreational needs of a child placed in the receiving center;*

*(g) A plan for the safety of each child receiving services from the receiving center, which must include, without limitation, rules, structures and procedures for the supervision of the child which are designed to reduce the likelihood that the child will run away or engage in other harmful behavior;*

*(h) An emergency preparedness plan and disaster protocols, which must include, without limitation, emergency exits, contact information for emergency providers and a description of where the plan and protocols are posted and available;*

*(i) Policies for the discipline of a child receiving services from the receiving center, including, without limitation, the types of discipline that are not allowed to be used on such a child;*

- (j) Strategies for managing the behavior of a child receiving services from the receiving center;*
- (k) Policies concerning the use of force or restraint on a child receiving services from the receiving center;*
- (l) Policies for the recognition of suicidal behaviors and methods for preventing the suicide of a child receiving services from the receiving center, including, without limitation, suicide watches, supervision of children at risk for suicide and protocols concerning self-harm;*
- (m) Policies for stabilizing a child receiving services from the receiving center;*
- (n) Procedures for reporting accidents, injuries or other unexpected events;*
- (o) Standards for ensuring a safe environment;*
- (p) Policies by which a child or person responsible for a child may file a grievance with the receiving center;*
- (q) Policies governing the search and seizure of children at the receiving center;*
- (r) Procedures for designating members of the staff of the receiving center to be on call;*
- (s) Procedures for assessing children at the receiving center, which must include, without limitation, evidence-based evaluation tools and promising practice evaluation tools;*
- (t) Policies governing the manner in which the receiving center engages guardians, court appointed special advocates, legal stakeholders and other advocates, to the extent allowable;*
- (u) Procedures for the provision of off-campus passes for children residing at the receiving center, if applicable;*
- (v) Policies for the administration and monitoring of medication by a member of the direct care staff of the receiving center and any educational requirements relating thereto;*

*(w) Policies concerning the use of controlled substances by the staff of the receiving center;*

*(x) Policies, procedures and practices concerning the maintenance of a professional relationship and regular contact between the staff of the receiving center and the family of each child served by the receiving center;*

*(y) Policies, procedures and practices concerning the sharing of information about a child served by the receiving center with the child's advocate and the agency which provides child welfare services or other agency or person who placed the child in the receiving center to the extent authorized or required by the provisions of NRS 432C.150 and section 17 of this regulation;*

*(z) A detailed description of each program the receiving center delivers and each service the receiving center provides to children, including, without limitation:*

*(1) The name of the program or service;*

*(2) A statement of whether the program or service is an inpatient program or service or an outpatient program or service; and*

*(3) The titles and qualifications of each person carrying out the program or providing the service;*

*(aa) A statement of the manner in which the receiving center ensures that the quality of the programs it delivers and the services it provides to the children in the receiving center are evidence-based and trauma-focused;*

*(bb) The frequency of on-site monitoring of the receiving center by the director of the receiving center; and*

*(cc) The methods to be used to identify and reduce risks to the health, safety and well-being of the children served by the receiving center and the staff of the receiving center.*

*2. As used in this section, “promising practice evaluation tool” means a tool for rating research-based, promising practices for assessing a commercially sexually exploited child or a child who is suspected of being a commercially sexually exploited child.*

**Sec. 22.** *A receiving center shall:*

*1. Provide initial stabilization and completion of all necessary assessments preferably within 24 hours but not to exceed 48 hours after the child is placed in a receiving center.*

*2. Develop a treatment plan for each child placed in the receiving center. The treatment plan must be developed in consultation with the child, the guardian of the child, the clinical team and any other person important in the life of the child that the receiving center determines should be involved in the development of a treatment plan. The receiving center shall implement the treatment plan within 5 business days after the child is placed in the receiving center.*

*3. Develop an education plan for each child placed in the receiving center. The receiving center shall complete the education plan within 10 business days after the child is placed in the receiving center.*

*4. Develop a structured schedule for children placed in the center that covers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and includes, without limitation, physical activity, quiet time, group counseling and individual therapy. The receiving center shall identify in the schedule the staff that is responsible for implementing and supervising the scheduled activities.*

*5. Conduct a multidisciplinary treatment meeting with all providers of treatment identified within the treatment plan created pursuant to subsection 2 within 5 days after the child is placed in the receiving center.*

**Sec. 23.** *A receiving center shall:*

*1. Establish and carry out a plan for the management of its financial affairs which ensures that the receiving center has sufficient funds to adequately support the programs and services provided by the receiving center.*

*2. Maintain financial records relating to any programs and services provided by the receiving center, including, without limitation, records of:*

*(a) Any assets and liabilities of the receiving center;*

*(b) Any donations received by the receiving center during the 5 most recent fiscal years;*  
*and*

*(c) All receipts collected and disbursements paid by the receiving center during the 5 most recent fiscal years.*

*3. Establish a budget that identifies:*

*(a) The direct costs of providing services, including, without limitation, salaries and other personnel expenses; and*

*(b) The indirect costs of providing services, including, without limitation, daily operating costs.*

*4. Make available to the Division a copy of the budget for the most recent fiscal year and a report of any expenditures made during that year relating to the programs and services provided by the receiving center.*

**Sec. 24. 1.** *Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, a receiving center shall, to the same extent as a psychiatric residential treatment facility, comply with the provisions of NAC 449.410 to 449.4495, inclusive, which are hereby adopted by reference. A copy of those provisions is available, free of charge, from the Legislative Counsel Bureau at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nac/>, or, if that Internet website ceases to exist, from the Division.*

**2.** *A receiving center is not required to comply with NAC 449.414 to 449.417, inclusive, 449.420 to 449.424, inclusive, 449.432 and 449.448.*

**3.** *If the provisions adopted by reference in subsection 1 are revised, the Division will review the revision to determine its suitability for receiving centers in this State. If the Division determines that a revision is not suitable for receiving centers in this State, the Division will hold a public hearing to review its determination within 6 months after the effective date of the revision and give notice of that hearing. If, after the hearing, the Division does not revise its determination, the Division will give notice within 30 days after the hearing that the revision is not suitable for receiving centers in this State. If the Division does not give such notice, the revision becomes part of the provisions adopted by reference in subsection 1.*

**4.** *As used in this section, “psychiatric residential treatment facility” has the meaning ascribed to it in NAC 449.411.*

**Sec. 25.** NAC 424.011 is hereby amended to read as follows:

424.011 “Applicant” means a person applying to be a provider of foster care ~~+~~ *or a person or entity applying to operate a receiving center, as applicable.*

**Sec. 26.** NAC 424.022 is hereby amended to read as follows:

424.022 “Direct care staff” means a licensee, foster parent, paid employee or volunteer staff who is responsible for the direct care or supervision of a child placed in a foster home ~~+~~ *or a*

*licensee, paid employee or volunteer staff who is responsible for the direct care or supervision of a child placed in a receiving center, as applicable.*

**Sec. 27.** NAC 424.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

424.025 “Director” means the person responsible for the operation of a specialized foster home, independent living foster home, ~~or~~ group foster home or *receiving center* or the person appointed to provide oversight of a foster care agency pursuant to NRS 424.099, as applicable.

**Sec. 28.** NAC 424.057 is hereby amended to read as follows:

424.057 “Licensee” means the person licensed by the licensing authority to operate a foster home ~~or~~ *or the person or entity licensed by the Division to operate a receiving center, as applicable.*