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Dear PRTF Provider:

Thank you for your interest in providing psychiatric residential treatment for children and youth.

Enclosed are the regulations for licensing psychiatric residential treatment facilities, effective October 9, 2009. The regulations were developed by KDHE in partnership with stakeholders across the state, including representatives of group residential facilities, the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority, the Kansas Health Policy Authority, other state agencies, and mental health partners. In developing the regulations, the stakeholders relied on a consensus building process that included Kansas experts and leaders in the field, a review of research, national standards, other state regulations and federal Medicaid requirements. A special "thank you" goes to all the stakeholders for their input and comments throughout the regulation development process.

Whether you are just beginning to apply to be a PRTF provider or are transitioning over to become a PRTF, please know that the staff at KDHE will work with you during the licensing process to answer any questions and to guide you along the way.

Thank you for your interest in providing psychiatric residential treatment services for Kansas children.

Sincerely,

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The Kansas Department of Health and Environment would like to acknowledge the work and expertise provided by representatives of group residential facilities, state agency partners, and other stakeholders in the development of these new regulations. The Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities represent a new direction in out-of-home treatment for children and youth in Kansas. Your insight and information about day-to-day operations in caring for children and youth was invaluable.

Thanks to your input, we now have a set of licensing regulations that addresses this type of facility to meet the needs of children and youth across the state.