

## Questions to Ask Before Choosing a Residential Treatment Facility

How will my child be able to function differently after treatment?

How does the program communicate with caregivers about any serious incidents?

How does the program involve family members in treatment?

Is there an advocate children can speak with when they have questions or concerns?

How will the program communicate with me? How often?

Who specifically do I speak with to discuss issues or raise questions?

How are conflicts between children and staff handled?

How does the program provide education?

Are the teachers certified?

How do you coordinate with our school district to be sure my child has needed school support services in place when he/she is discharged?

How does your program work to understand cultural differences and address them?

How will you prepare my child for transitions?

Has the program consulted our doctor or otherwise obtained a complete medication history for my child?

How is medication distributed to the children?

Will I be notified of changes or problems with medication?

How can I be sure that my child is making progress?

What happens when we don't agree about whether my child is ready for discharge?