

Eligibility Criteria

Admission Criteria

Admissions occur 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. Acute care admissions have an average 4-7 days length of stay, but could be longer or shorter depending on the individual needs of the child. Every child that presents at RiverValley Behavioral Health receives a comprehensive psychosocial assessment from a master's level clinician that includes the child's development, history, Axis I symptomology and behaviors leading to referral for hospitalization.

- Criteria that could lead to admission include:
- Suicidal ideation
- Homicidal ideation
- Psychosis
- Severely aggressive behavior
- Sexually acting out behaviors that seriously endanger others
- Significant self-injury

Discharge Criteria

Discharge planning begins as soon as the patient is admitted and continues throughout the course of treatment. Generally patients are discharged when it is determined that he/she can function safely and successfully in a less restrictive level of care.

Transition Criteria

N/A

Readmission Criteria

N/A

Exclusionary or Ineligibility Criteria

Admission may not be appropriate for children who cannot meet their Basic Activities of Daily Living or present with major medical illness requiring primary medical treatment.