

Chapter: Rules for State-Operated Programs and Facilities Subchapter: Treatment Division: Programming for Youth with Specialized Treatment Needs <b>Rule: Program Services for Youth with Intellectual Disabilities</b>  ACA: N/A Statute(s): N/A	<b>Effective Date: 12/1/14</b>  Page: 1 of 1  Replaces: GAP.380.8775, 1/30/07
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**RULE**

(a) **Purpose.**

The Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) operates a residential treatment program that provides specialized program services for youth identified with a high need for intellectual disability services. The purpose of this rule is to establish admission criteria and procedures and release/transfer options.

(b) **Definitions.**

- (1) Except as noted in paragraph (2) of this subsection, see [§380.8501](#) for definitions of terms used in this rule.
- (2) **High Need for Intellectual Disability Services**--has the meaning assigned in [§380.8751](#) of this title.

(c) **Admission Criteria.**

Youth from a high restriction residential facility may be admitted to the TJJD residential treatment program if a high need for intellectual disability services has been established.

(d) **Program Requirements.**

Youth diagnosed with an intellectual disability are provided an individualized case plan to enable their progress toward meeting treatment goals.

(e) **Release, Transfer, and Transition Options.**

- (1) Youth in the TJJD residential treatment program are eligible to be transitioned, released, or transferred to less restrictive settings when they meet criteria in [§§380.8545](#), [380.8555](#), [380.8557](#), [380.8559](#), [380.8565](#), or [380.8569](#) of this title.
- (2) Youth may be transferred or transitioned from the TJJD residential treatment program to an alternative placement if their functional ability improves to a level at which they can continue to progress toward their individual treatment goals in a general population setting.
- (3) Youth who do not progress in the agency's rehabilitation program for reasons other than an intellectual disability may be administratively transferred to another facility in accordance with [§380.8545](#) of this title.
- (4) Youth in the TJJD residential treatment program who have completed the initial minimum length of stay and are unable to progress in the agency's rehabilitation program due to an intellectual disability are discharged in accordance with [§380.8779](#) of this title.