



## Authorization to Conduct Physical Interventions

At Eckerd's Residential Programs in North Carolina, we strive to provide a safe and supportive environment for all youth attending the program. In order to fulfill this mission you are required to be certified in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI). The purpose of the TCI system is to provide a crisis prevention and intervention model for residential child care organizations that will assist in:

- Preventing crises from occurring
- De-escalating potential crises
- Effectively managing acute crises
- Reducing potential and actual injury to children and staff
- Learning constructive ways to handle stressful situations

When verbal de-escalation and other nonphysical interventions are unsuccessful staff is permitted to engage in a physical intervention only when one the following conditions are present:

- 1) A client is actively attempting to hurt self
- 2) A client is actively attempting to hurt others
- 3) A client is actively destroying property (of value)That poses imminent risk of danger of injury or harm to self or others, or
- 4) A client is actively attempting to escape **and** there is an imminent risk to the client or others.

Having completed all of the training requirements and receiving the TCI certification I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to engage in a physical intervention when all other interventions have failed and the youth meets one of the criteria above.

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Name and Signature of staff

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Date

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Name and Signature of Executive Director

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Date