Figure: 26 TAC §745.37(2)

Types of Residential Child-Care Operations	Description	Type of Permit
(A) General Residential Operation	An operation that provides care for seven or more children up to the age of 18 years. The care must include child-care services and may also include programmatic services or treatment services.  Residential treatment centers are a type of general residential operation.  After obtaining a license for a general residential operation, an operation may apply for a certificate for a psychiatric residential youth treatment facility (PRYTF) as defined at §745.9051 of this chapter (relating to What do the following words and terms mean when used in this subchapter?).	License
	A PRYTF may provide psychiatric health treatments and services to individuals 21 years of age and younger.	
(B) Child-Placing Agency (CPA)	A person, agency, or organization, other than a parent, who places or plans for the placement of a child in an adoptive home, foster home, or other residential care setting.	License
(C) Foster Home (also known as a "foster family home" or an "agency foster home")	An operation that a CPA verifies and regulates, is the primary residence of the foster parents, and provides care for six or fewer children, up to the age of 18 years.	Verification that a CPA issues.