

LICENSING/APPROVAL/REGISTRATION INSPECTION SUMMARY

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| NAME OF AGENCY/FACILITY: Western Pa. Child Care – Secure Care | | | | TELEPHONE (724) 867-0321 | OCYF REGIONAL STAFF APPROVAL | DATE |
| ADDRESS: 12 Dakota Drive, Emlenton, Pa. 16373 | | | | COUNTY Butler | | |
| INSPECTED BY; David Majcher, Mary Lou Warchola, Wayne McNeill | | | | INSPECTION DATE July 13, 27, 28, 2011 | <i>David Majcher</i> | <i>10-4-11</i> |
| INITIAL INSPECTION | RENEWAL INSPECTION | COMPLAINT | UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION | RANDOM SAMPLE | <i>Mary Lou Warchola</i> | <i>10/4/11</i> |
| | X | | | | <i>Care Bobek (MC)</i> | <i>10/4/11</i> |

Western Pa. Child Care, as part of Mid Atlantic Youth, operates 2 licensed programs, housed within 1 building in Emlenton, Pa., Butler County. The first is a 5 unit, 60 bed secure program serving both male and female delinquent youth between the ages of 12 and 20. An Intensive Open Residential Treatment program (IORT), consisting of 3 units and a total capacity of 39 male and female youth between the ages of 12 and 20 also occupies the building. Average length of stay for both programs is approximately 9 – 12 months. At the time of this inspection, the total census of both programs was 86.

An unannounced walk through inspection of the physical plant was conducted on July 13, 2011. It is a modern, well maintained building, specifically constructed to be a secure residential facility. On the date of the walk through, the building was satisfactorily clean, and no issues were noted. All youth presented themselves in a neat, well dressed manner. All took time to politely introduce themselves. A strong positive child culture was evident within the facility. Youth, within the small (6 – 10 youth) classrooms, were knowledgeable of both their academic programming, as well as their therapeutic activities.

The annual inspection (July 27, 28, 2011) included the review of 15 child records, and 32 personnel records, representing staff hired since the last inspection. Additionally, 15 youth and 9 staff were interviewed. Child records were well organized and contained all necessary documentation. All medical and therapeutic timelines were met, and there was strong evidence of efforts toward inclusiveness of family in the therapeutic process. Paperwork was individualized and of good quality. All youth interviewed reported feeling safe within the program, and were aware of efforts to reduce physical restraints. Generally, youth were able to recite the number and frequency of restraints, and took pride in the consistently low figures. On one unit, there had not been a restraint in over 200 days. Overall facility wide numbers reflect a restraint reduction of over 50%. Youth interviewed had few complaints. All felt that there were a lot of activities to keep them busy. Likewise, staff voiced satisfaction with their positions. Of note is the fact that staff consistently work the same unit or classroom which positively impacts their relationships with youth. It also should be noted that the facility is characterized by a strong, experienced administration that is continually supportive of direct care staff.

It was noted that the necessary information required by Bulletin #3140-08-01 was being maintained by the agency. Referrals, discharges, arrests, as well as restraints were being maintained. This required information is readily accessible and centrally located. Restraints as well as other recordable incidents are being tracked in a log designated for that purpose.

The inspection generated eight clarification requests. All were satisfactorily addressed resulting in no citations. The conclusion of this inspection was that Western PA Child Care satisfactorily protects the health, safety, and well being of the youth in care.

| 1. 55 PA CODE CHAPTER | 2. NON-COMPLIANCE AREA | 3. CORRECTION REQUIRED | 4. REQUIRED CORRECTION DATE | 5. PROVIDERS PLAN OF CORRECTION OR RESPONSE | 6. STATUS OF CORRECTION |
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| 3800 | NONE | N/A | N/A | N/A | Full Approval Is Recommended |

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