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First Street

Residential Treatment



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Beacon Light Behavioral Health System's First Street Residential Program located in Bradford, Pennsylvania provides specialized treatment to a mixed population with a sexually maladaptive component available, if needed.

This semi-secure facility consists of 10 beds for males ages 12 to 18. The program is designed to specifically address the complex issues associated with offense prevention, while managing co-occurring mental health and behavioral difficulties.

Highly trained Master's level staff provide both individual and group therapy on an intensive basis, and treatment teams/clinicians remain the same, regardless of placement, while in our continuum of care. This provides for uninterrupted progress in treatment whether in residential care, shelter care, foster care, or the community. The program is a licensed, Joint Commission approved Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (pRTF)

The agency will consider for treatment only the young person who meets the following criteria:

- Be of school age.
- Have a mental health diagnosis that indicates he/she is psychiatrically in need of structured/supportive mental health intervention.

- Have a full scale IQ of 70 or above.
- Have demonstrated maladaptive interpersonal behavior which significantly impairs his/her functioning within the family or among peers.
- Be free of acute medical conditions and be self-preserving.
- Be capable of functioning in a regular or special education classroom of the public school or attend school at our Beacon Light Academy operated by the Children's Center for Treatment and Education.
- Be willing to enter into treatment voluntarily with parental agreement and support or be admitted under court order.

In addition, the Treatment Team reserves the right to exclude a young person who exhibits repeated incidents of high-risk behaviors and/or a combination of high-risk behaviors. The Treatment Team may also exclude a young person if it is deemed that admission in the current population would not be appropriate.

The initial request for placement is made by telephone, fax or mail to the pRTF Intake Coordinator. The following will be obtained in writing from the placing agency prior to placement:

- A descriptive summary of circumstances that makes placement necessary.
- The needs of the child that the facility must address in treatment.



- The child's legal status.
- Family background, medical history, psychological or psychiatric evaluations, and educational records including the IEP and Evaluation Report/Re-Evaluation Report (ER/RER) and psychiatric evaluation that recommends pRTF as being medically necessary.
- Referrals who are PA residents must have a recent evaluation from a licensed psychiatrist recommending the need for placement in a pRTF, or have received prior authorization from a participating Managed Care Organization.

It is the policy of the Agency that all referrals will be discussed with the Treatment Team, prior to approval for admission, and that decisions are reached with regard to the referral's appropriateness for admission within 24 hours.

If the child is not appropriate, the placing agency is notified in writing or by phone call, with specific reasons included. Additional input may be needed from more specialized clinical staff (psychiatrist). When this occurs, the information will be forwarded to that staff for his/her recommendation. The pRTF Intake Coordinator will then meet with that staff and brings the recommendation back to the group the following morning.

If the adolescent appears to be an appropriate placement, a pre-placement visit may be arranged. This visit should include the young person, his/her county caseworker, and his/her family, if possible. At this time, the adolescent and the family will have an opportunity to meet the staff, see the living areas, and become acquainted with the program of the Children's Center as it relates to them. Plans for placement may be finalized at this time, if acceptance into the program is agreed upon. The initial clothing inventory will be outlined at this time, as well as other information relative to placement.

For Referrals:
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