Department of Human Services
Office of Children, Youth and Families
Licensing Inspection Summary - Public
55 PA.CODE CHAPTER 3800

February 10, 2023

[redacted]
CORNELL ABRAXAS GROUP, INC.
[redacted]

RE: ABRAXAS ACADEMY
1000 ACADEMY DR., P.O. BOX 645
MORGANTOWN, PA, 19543
LICENSE/COC#: 14405

Dear [redacted],

As a result of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families licensing inspections on of the above facility, the citations specified on the enclosed Licensing Inspection Summary (LIS) were found.

We have determined that your plan of correction is: Acceptable

Please submit documentation verifying compliance in SansWrite as corrective actions are implemented. The Department will review this documentation to determine compliance. Please note that in order for the Department to verify your compliance, you are required to upload documentation into SansWrite AFTER the Plan of Correction has been accepted by the Department, and not with the initial submission of your Plan of Correction.

Submit documentation electronically by **02/21/2023**.

If you need assistance regarding submission of evidence to demonstrate compliance, please contact me at [redacted] or email [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Enclosure
Licensing Inspection Summary (LIS)

cc: Pennsylvania Office of Children, Youth and Families

Agency/Facility Information

Name: *ABRAXAS ACADEMY*
Address: *1000 ACADEMY DR., P.O. BOX 645, MORGANTOWN, PA 19543*
County: *BERKS*
License Number: *14405*
License Expiration: *10/10/2023*

Administrator

Name: [redacted] **Phone:** [redacted] **Email:** [redacted]

Legal Entity

Name: *CORNELL ABRAXAS GROUP, INC.*
Address: *2840 LIBERTY AVENUE, SUITE 300, PITTSBURGH, PA, 15222*
Phone: [redacted] **Email:** [redacted]

Inspection Information

Start Date: *07/18/2022* **End Date:** *08/16/2022* **Type:** *Complaint* **Notice:** *Announced Visit*
Inspector(s): [redacted]

Inspection Narrative

The PA Department of Human Services, Office of Children Youth and Families (The Department) conducted a complaint investigation at Abraxas Academy on July 18, 2022 . As a result of an investigation the Department noted the following violation: 3800.32b

Inspections / Reviews

07/18/2022 - Complaint

Lead Inspector: [redacted] **Follow-Up Type:** *POC Submission* **Follow-Up Date:** *09/10/2022*

02/10/2023 - POC Submission

Submitted By: [redacted] **Date Submitted:** *02/07/2023*
Reviewer: [redacted] **Follow-Up Type:** *Document Submission* **Follow-Up Date:** *02/21/2023*

3800.32 Specific Rights

1. Requirements

3800.32.b. A child may not be abused, mistreated, threatened, harassed or subject to corporal punishment.

Description of Violation

On [redacted], child A was mistreated by staff member A.

Staff member A made an attempt to strike a resident by throwing a punch towards the resident during an altercation.

The agency shall develop and submit a comprehensive plan of correction to ensure compliance with this regulation in the future. Please provide a plan of correction that includes how it will be monitored, a time frame for monitoring and the person responsible for monitoring this process.

POC Submission ***Accept (CO - 02/10/2023)***

Following the incident, staff member A was immediately removed from the facility. On [redacted], staff member A was placed on administrative leave. Due to the outcome of an internal investigation, employment termination is being recommended for this employee.
By October 3, 2022, the Assistant Director will meet with the Detention operational staff to review the Safe Crisis Management policy, emphasizing that only approved physical intervention techniques may be used for physical interventions. Also during this meeting, the Training Manager will facilitate a refresher training about counter aggression. The meeting will be documented as a training and supervisory conference. The documents will be filed in the employees' supervision files and in the training hours log. Senior Management will continue to review physical intervention incidents and follow up with staff members when necessary to address concerns and provide feedback for professional development. The Executive Director is responsible for monitoring this process.

Licensee's Plan Completion Date: *02/07/2023*