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

December 15, 2025

[redacted], VICE PRESIDENT
CORNELL ABRAXAS GROUP, LLC.
2840 LIBERTY AVENUE, SUITE 300
PITTSBURGH, PA, 15222

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 review on of the above facility, we have determined that your submitted plan of correction is fully implemented. Continued compliance must be maintained.

Please note that you are required to post this Licensing Inspection Summary at your facility in a conspicuous location.

Sincerely,
[redacted]

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: *10/10/2025*

Administrator

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

Legal Entity

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

Inspection Information

Start Date: [redacted] **End Date:** *05/05/2025* **Type:** *Complaint* **Notice:** *Announced Visit*
Inspector(s): [redacted]

Inspection Narrative

There was a CPS report which occurred on [redacted] video footage shows an improper restraint as well as a failure to report the incident in a timely manner. There are several citations which need to be addressed and corrected. The follow up date will be 10 calendar days.

Inspections / Reviews

02/16/2025 Complaint

Lead Inspector: [redacted] **Follow-Up Type:** *POC Submission* **Follow-Up Date:** *05/05/2025*

10/17/2025 - POC Submission

Reviewer: [redacted] **Follow Up Type:** *On site Verification* **Follow Up Date:** *10/17/2025*

10/17/2025 On site Verification

Submitted By: [redacted] **Date Submitted:** *05/02/2025*
Reviewer: [redacted] **Follow Up Type:** *Not Required*

3800.15 Child Abuse

1. Requirements

3800.15.a. The facility shall immediately report suspected abuse of a child in accordance with 23 Pa.C.S. § § 6301—6385 (relating to the Child Protective Services Law) and Chapter 3490 (relating to protective services).

Description of Violation

On [redacted], the facility failed to file a report of suspected child abuse of a child as required by the Child Protective Services Law. It was reported that staff member B tried to influence other staff not to report the incident involving child A.

Plan of Correction ***Accept ([redacted] - 10/14/2025)***

By May 16, 2025, the Assistant Director and Licensing & Accreditation Specialist will review and provide training on the Child Abuse Reporting policy with the Detention Program Treatment Supervisors. This training will be documented in each supervisor's training file.

By May 30, 2025, Treatment Supervisors will provide training on the Child Abuse Reporting Policy to their unit staff members, detailing their individual responsibilities in the child abuse reporting process, to include implications for failure to report as a mandated reporter. This training will be documented in each employee's training file.

The Licensing & Accreditation Specialist is responsible for the implementation of this plan of correction and will monitor the process for 90 days or until compliance is achieved and sustained.

Licensee's Proposed Overall Completion Date: *05/30/2025*

On-site Verification ***Implemented ([redacted] - 10/23/2025)***

HSPR viewed documentation in files

3800.16 Reportable Incidents

2. Requirements

3800.16.c. The facility shall complete a written reportable incident report, on a form prescribed by the Department, and send it to the appropriate Departmental regional office and the contracting agency, within 24 hours.

Description of Violation

On [redacted] an incident involving [redacted] that occurred at the facility which required notification to the Department within 24 hours.

Plan of Correction ***Accept ([redacted] - 10/14/2025)***

Effective May 1, 2025, the Licensing and Accreditation Specialist will verify incidents meeting the criteria for reportable incident reporting are promptly reported in the HCSIS system.

By May 9, 2025, the Executive Director of Operations and Licensing & Accreditation Specialist will conduct a review of the regulations and procedures related to HCSIS reporting with the Senior Management Team. Designated Senior Management team members will be assigned to complete reportable incident reports in the HCSIS system, to ensure reports are completed in a timely manner. This discussion will be documented in the Leadership meeting minutes.

By May 16, 2025, the Assistant Director will review and provide training with Detention Treatment Supervisors on the regulations and types of incidents that meet the criteria for reportable incident reporting (HCSIS reporting) and must be reported to a Senior Management team member immediately. This training will be documented in each

3800.16 Reportable Incidents (continued)

supervisor's training file.

The Licensing & Accreditation Specialist is responsible for the implementation of this plan of correction. The Executive Director of Operations will monitor the process for 90 days or until compliance is achieved and sustained.

Licensee's Proposed Overall Completion Date: *05/16/2025*

On-site Verification ***Implemented (- 10/17/2025)***

HSPR verified that documentation has been submitted and staff reviewed the procedure of reporting incidents

3800.17 Recordable Incidents

3. Requirements

3800.17. The facility shall maintain a record of the following:

Description of Violation

On 2/24/25 it was determined that the facility did not have a record of the incident involving improper restraint that occurred on involving child .

Plan of Correction ***Accept (- 10/14/2025)***

On , an incident report was completed. Please see attachment A.

By May 16, 2025, the Assistant Director will conduct a comprehensive review of the facility's Incident Reporting policy with Detention Program Treatment Supervisors. Treatment Supervisors will complete recordable incident reports in the client's electronic health record (EHR) on the day the incident occurs. This training will be documented in each supervisor's training file.

The Licensing & Accreditation Specialist is responsible for the implementation of this plan of correction and will monitor the process for 90 days or until compliance is achieved and sustained.

Licensee's Proposed Overall Completion Date: *05/02/2025*

On-site Verification ***Implemented (- 10/17/2025)***

HSPR verified that staff have been retrained on the timeframe of reporting incidents.

3800.32 Specific Rights

4. Requirements

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

Description of Violation

On , child was dragged on the floor several feet by clothing and punched by staff member A causing .

3800.32 Specific Rights *(continued)*

Plan of Correction ***Accept (BJ - 10/14/2025)***

On [redacted] in response to an incident, Staff Member A was promptly removed from the unit. Subsequently, on February 21, 2025, Staff Member A was mandated to complete refresher training in Safe Crisis Management.

On February 24, 2025, Staff Member A was formally placed on a safety plan, resulting in the removal from all childcare responsibilities. On March 27, 2025, Staff Member A was placed on administrative leave. On April 23, 2025, following the results of an internal investigation, Staff Member A's employment with Abraxas was terminated.

By May 30, 2025, the Assistant Director will conduct a review of the Safe Crisis Management policy with Detention operational staff, underscoring the importance of utilizing only approved physical intervention techniques. Additionally, the Training Manager will lead a refresher training session on counter aggression during this meeting. This training will be documented in each employee's training file.
The Senior Management Team will continue to monitor physical intervention incidents weekly and will communicate with staff members as needed to address any concerns and provide feedback for professional development.

The Executive Director of Operations is responsible for the implementation of this plan of correction and will monitor the process for 90 days until compliance is achieved and sustained.

Licensee's Proposed Overall Completion Date: *05/30/2025*

On-site Verification ***Implemented ([redacted] - 10/17/2025)***

HSPR has verified that has been reviewed training on crisis management and that the incident are now being reviewed in a timely manner.

3800.202 Appropriate Use of Restrictive Procedures

5. Requirements

3800.202.a. A restrictive procedure may not be used in a punitive manner, for the convenience of staff persons or as a program substitution.

Description of Violation

On [redacted], child A was dragged by staff down the hallway several feet.

Plan of Correction ***Accept ([redacted] - 10/14/2025)***

All direct care Abraxas Academy staff members undergo quarterly recertification in Safe Crisis Management, to include de-escalation techniques and theory, as well as annual recertification in physical restraint techniques. Detention staff members recently completed Safety Crisis Management Training on March 3, 2025.

The Senior Management Team will continue to monitor physical intervention incidents weekly and will communicate with staff members as needed to address any concerns and provide feedback for professional development.

The Executive Director of Operations is responsible for the implementation of this plan of correction and will monitor the process for 90 days until compliance is achieved and sustained.

3800.202 Appropriate Use of Restrictive Procedures (continued)

Licensee's Proposed Overall Completion Date: *08/05/2025*

On site Verification ***Implemented ([redacted] - 10/17/2025)***

HSPR has verified and reviewed that all staff has undergone a recertification in safe crisis management that includes de-escalation & theory, as well physical restraint techniques.