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

August 12, 2026

[redacted], EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CORNELL ABRAXAS GROUP, LLC
2840 LIBERTY AVENUE, SUITE 300
PITTSBURGH, PA, 15222

RE: ABRAXAS SHELTER PROGRAM
SOUTH MOUNTAIN
10058 S. MOUNTAIN RD., BLDG. 6
SOUTH MOUNTAIN, PA, 17261
LICENSE/COC#: 35531

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 SHELTER PROGRAM- SOUTH MOUNTAIN*
License Number: *35531*
Address: *10058 S. MOUNTAIN RD., BLDG. 6, SOUTH MOUNTAIN, PA 17261*
License Expiration: *08/01/2026*
County: *FRANKLIN*

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: *08/24/2025* **End Date:** *12/24/2025* **Type:** *Complaint* **Notice:** *Announced Visit*
Inspector(s): [redacted]

Inspection Narrative

The Department of Human Services conducted an investigation at Abraxas. As part of the investigation, 2 child records and 5 staff record were reviewed. 8 interviews were completed.

The following areas of non compliance were noted:

Inspections / Reviews

08/24/2025 Complaint

Lead Inspector: [redacted] **Follow-Up Type:** *POC Submission* **Follow-Up Date:** *04/02/2026*

06/05/2026 - POC Submission

Reviewer: [redacted] **Follow Up Type:** *On site Verification* **Follow Up Date:** *05/08/2026*

06/05/2026 On site Verification

Submitted By: [redacted] **Date Submitted:** *04/02/2026*
Reviewer: [redacted] **Follow Up Type:** *Not Required*

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

Child A was found to be the subject of regulatory abuse by Staff Member A and Staff Member B.

The agency shall develop a plan to assure that this mandate is being met. The plan shall identify the staff position responsible for monitoring and ensuring regulatory compliance.

Plan of Correction ***Accept (- 04/08/2026)***

On , following a video review of the incident, Abraxas notified ChildLine of the suspected abuse. The youth was transported to the local emergency department for evaluation. On a Safety Plan was initiated for Staff Member A; was placed on administrative duty only and not permitted direct contact with any youth. During the investigation process, Staff Member B was also placed on a Safety Plan on placing on administrative duty and not permitted direct contact with any youth.

On 9/4/25, while on administrative duty (Safety Plan), both Staff Member A and Staff Member B completed a Safe Crisis Management Refresher Course with a certified SCM instructor. Staff Member A also completed an SCM skills test on 11/4/25 and 3/25/26, where Staff Member B completed their additional scheduled skills test on 11/18/25 and 2/19/26. Training included safe and effective intervention techniques, dignity and respect, de-escalation skills and techniques, and physical skill out tests.

Staff Member A completed an Effective Interventions training on 10/29/2025 with the leadership team at Abraxas and again on 11/18/25 with respective unit staff. Staff Member B completed the same training on 11/4/25 with respective unit. The training covered the following topics: tone, rate, volume, body language during client interventions and professionalism when speaking with youth.

In addition to annual refresher training in Effective Interventions, all direct care staff complete SCM refresher training biannually. The next biannual training will be offered during the 4th quarter of the training year (April, May, June 2026) covering SCM theory and the 1st quarter of the training year (July, August, Sept 2026) will cover SCM skill techniques. Supervisors and trainers will continue to role model and teach the importance of using effective intervention skills, de-escalation techniques, least restrictive alternatives to physical interventions, utilization of proper SCM techniques, and treating youth with fairness, dignity, and respect. The Training Manager is responsible for monitoring this plan of correction and verify ongoing regulatory compliance.

Licensee's Proposed Overall Completion Date: *09/30/2026*

On-site Verification ***Implemented (- 07/29/2026)***

POC implemented and verified on 07/24/2026-

2. Requirements

3800.32.c. A child has the right to be treated with fairness, dignity and respect.

Description of Violation

During an incident that occurred on Child A was not treated with fairness, dignity, or respect by Staff Member A and Staff Member B.

The agency shall develop a plan to assure that this mandate is being met. The plan shall identify the staff position responsible for monitoring and ensuring regulatory compliance.

3800.32 Specific Rights *(continued)*

Plan of Correction ***Accept (- 04/08/2026)***

On 9/4/25, while on administrative duty (Safety Plan), both Staff Member A and Staff Member B completed a Safe Crisis Management Refresher Course with a certified SCM instructor. Staff Member A also completed an SCM skills test on 11/4/25 and 3/25/26, where Staff Member B completed their additional scheduled skills test on 11/18/25 and 2/19/26. Training included safe and effective intervention techniques, dignity and respect, de-escalation skills and techniques, and physical skill out tests.

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In addition to annual refresher training in Effective Interventions, all direct care staff complete SCM refresher training biannually. The next biannual training will be offered during the 4th quarter of the training year (April, May, June 2026) covering SCM theory and the 1st quarter of the training year (July, August, Sept 2026) will cover SCM skill techniques. Supervisors and trainers will continue to role model and teach the importance of using effective intervention skills, de-escalation techniques, least restrictive alternatives to physical interventions, utilization of proper SCM techniques, and treating youth with fairness, dignity, and respect. The Training Manager is responsible for monitoring this plan of correction and verify ongoing regulatory compliance.

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On-site Verification ***Implemented (- 07/29/2026)***

POC implemented and verified on 07/24/2026-

3800.205 Staff Training

3. Requirements

3800.205.b. Training shall include:

3. The proper use of the specific techniques or procedures that may be used.

Description of Violation

During an incident that occurred on 08/24/2025, Staff Member A and Staff Member B each utilized untrained techniques on Child A during a restrictive procedure.

The agency shall develop a plan to assure that this mandate is being met. The plan shall identify the staff position responsible for monitoring and ensuring regulatory compliance.

Plan of Correction ***Accept (- 04/08/2026)***

On 9/4/25, while on administrative duty (Safety Plan), both Staff Member A and Staff Member B completed a Safe Crisis Management Refresher Course with a certified SCM instructor. Staff Member A also completed an SCM skills test on 11/4/25 and 3/25/26, where Staff Member B completed their additional scheduled skills test on 11/18/25 and 2/19/26. This training included a review of proper SCM techniques and trained technique competency skill out.

Staff Member A completed an Effective Interventions training on 10/29/2025 with the leadership team at Abraxas and again on 11/18/25 with respective unit staff. Staff Member B completed the same training on 11/4/25 with respective unit. This training also covered least restrictive alternative and performing transitions from a

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standing position to a seated position to limit chance of injury.

In addition to annual refresher training in Effective Interventions, all direct care staff complete SCM refresher training biannually. The next biannual training will be offered during the 4th quarter of the training year (April, May, June 2026) covering SCM theory and the 1st quarter of the training year (July, August, Sept 2026) will cover SCM skill techniques. Supervisors and trainers will continue to role model and teach the importance of using proper SCM techniques, ensuring participants pass skill out tests to verify their competency in performing the techniques appropriately. The Training Manger is responsible for monitoring this plan of correction and verify ongoing regulatory compliance.

Licensee's Proposed Overall Completion Date: *09/30/2026*

On site Verification ***Implemented (- 07/29/2026)***

POC implemented and verified on 07/24/2026-