What is a Substance Abuse Group Home?

Adelphi’s Substance Abuse Group Home for adolescent males, Margaret Home, is licensed to provide substance abuse treatment for 13 adolescent males between the ages of 12 and 20. Margaret Home, is a non-hospital based group home aimed at teaching young men alternatives to chemical use and provides individualized treatment by trained professionals in a caring and respectful home-like environment. Through treatment and education, as well as the development of aftercare/relapse prevention plans, youth are able to recover from chemical dependency and develop healthy lifestyles.

Licensure/Credentials/Funding

- Licensed by Pennsylvania’s Department of Health, Division of Drug and Alcohol Programs
- Licensed by Pennsylvania’s Department of Human Services
- Accredited through The Joint Commission
- Credentialed as an inpatient, non-hospital drug and alcohol program by the Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations (BH-MCO’s)
- Designed to be no direct cost to the county due to being 100% Medicaid funded for those clients who meet the criteria for authorization

Admission/Intake Requirements

- 12-20 years of age
- Minimum IQ of 70
- Evidence of daily or almost daily substance use/abuse
- Actively using substances up to the time of detainment/placement
- Wide range Axis I Mental Health Diagnosis/Dual diagnosis
- Education Grade 6 or above
- Special population can be considered on a case by case basis including visually and hearing impaired or youth with a physical disability
- Special needs served includes youth with PTSD symptoms, trauma victims, and victims of sexual abuse
- Contracted with managed care but also accept clients whose services are paid for by county probation or CYS
Program Specifics

Adelphoi embraces a model of trauma-informed care that helps create therapeutic communities that provide safety for both youth and the staff who work with them. Margaret Home uses the 12-step principals of Narcotics (NA) and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). Staff members also utilize Reality Therapy/Choice Theory, Child Management, and Contingency Contracting. Client treatment plans are individualized to meet the specific needs of each youth. Each client has an individual counselor and also participates in group counseling several times per week. Family members are also engaged in the treatment process with the goal of strengthening and educating the family so that the client can successfully reintegrate into the home. Adelphoi also employs a full-time board certi-

Education

Educational programming for youth in each group home will be determined pursuant to Section 1306 of the Public School Code (24 P.S. §13-1306) which states that . . . children who are residents of such homes, but not legal residents in such district (shall be permitted) to attend the public schools in said district. An educational team will include membership from the host school district, Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School or Adelphoi Education, parents or guardians, and teachers from the host school district and the charter school.

Discharge/Aftercare Planning

Margaret Home works with clients to assist them in developing thorough aftercare plans. Clients have the opportunity to establish a comprehensive support system of caring individuals who will assist them upon discharge. Clients are also set up with outpatient substance abuse counseling in their home communities as well as NA/AA meetings in their home towns.

In the event that the client’s home is found to be unsafe/unstable for the client to return, Adelphoi offers an extensive continuum of services to meet the needs of any child, including Specialized Independent Living facilities, Foster Care programs, and Multisystemic Therapy (MST).
About Adelphoi

Adelphoi is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a continuum of quality services to children, youth, and families. Headquartered in Latrobe, PA, Adelphoi has programs in 30 counties, serving nearly 1,000 youth and families on a daily basis and over 2,500 children annually. Adelphoi’s vast continuum of care includes group homes, a Charter School, foster and adoption services, education programs, mental health services, after-school programs, in-home services, shelter care, multisystemic therapy, and secure care.

Adelphoi has over 700 employees and assists persons and communities in need from over 60 counties throughout the Commonwealth, as well as from Ohio and Delaware. Adelphoi’s mission: Offering outcome-based solutions for abused, neglected, delinquent and other at-risk children and their families through a continuum of treatment and education services that provide a foundation of hope for the future.

If you would like to learn more about Adelphoi’s Substance Abuse Program:

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