What are Diagnostic Services?

Diagnostic Services are designed as an evaluative model for those youth that are in need of a personal and family assessment in a short time period. The program offers structured management for all residents within a residential program, or secure care to include Child Management Techniques, Contingency Contracting, Behavior Modification, Group Process, individual counseling, recreational programming, educational assessment, family interview and evaluation, Substance Abuse screening and Sexual Issues Assessment, medical evaluations, and psychological and psychiatric evaluations. The diagnostic assessments take place over a 45-day period. Our diagnostic team consists of a certified child and adolescent psychiatrist, a PsyD -level psychologist, PA certified teachers, and experienced caseworkers.

Admission/Intake Requirements

- Youth must be between the ages of 12 and 18
- Youth may have a delinquent or dependent profile
- Youth may be court-ordered to participate in the Diagnostic Program
Diagnostic Evaluation

The comprehensive diagnostic evaluation is comprised of many components:

- Extensive home-study interview
- Psychiatric evaluation
- Academic assessment
- Substance abuse screening (and assessment if indicated)
- Sexual issues assessment (including J-SOAP-II, SAI-J, ABEL screen, and polygraph assessments when appropriate/indicated)
- Medical information
- Information outlining the youth’s behavior during placement as well as his/her receptiveness to various treatment modalities
- The comprehensive, multisystem Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) and The Family Advocacy and Support Tool (FAST) assessment
- 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.

Other Assessments that are available are:

- Structured Assessment of Risk in Youth (SA-VORY)
- Wechsler Intelligence Testing
- Vineland Scales
- Autism Diagnostic Interview Revised
- Millon Adolescent Clinical Inventory
- Q Global
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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.