



A psychiatric residential treatment program serving children ages 6-17 from across Pennsylvania with severe mental health diagnoses and behavioral issues due to trauma, abuse, neglect and loss.

HOFFMAN HOMES FOR YOUTH CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

During this time of uncertainty, we continue to see just how fortunate we are to have passionate, caring staff and supporters. Our commitment to providing loving care to children and their families guides us as we face the difficult challenge of responding to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

While as a nation we are focused on the growing pandemic, our children in care are still suffering with mental health and behavioral issues due to the trauma they have experienced. We must continue to operate our 24/7 program and remain focused on our children in care. We have implemented precautionary steps to mitigate the spread of the virus to protect our children and staff. We continue to follow steps outlined by the state and federal guidelines and adjust our plan as needed.

As you can imagine, these precautionary measures have caused financial burdens on our organization, and will continue to do so, for an unforeseen amount of time. One of our early actions to prevent the spread of the virus on campus was to temporarily postpone admissions. This decision was not made lightly, as we know there are many children in the community who need our level of care. This action resulted in a significant loss of revenue, but for the safety of staff and children, this was the best decision at the time. We are happy to report that as of May 4th, we began accepting children into the program, and are thrilled to get back to helping more children in need.

Additional safety measures include canceling outings, therapeutic leaves, day passes and on and off campus visits with parents, guardians, family members and outside agencies. This is emotionally impacting the children, and we are doing our best to virtually connect them with their loved ones. Staff continue to find creative ways to lift up their spirits, and make the best of these trying times.

To respond to the virus throughout campus, our medical services department invested in personal protective equipment including isolation gowns, gloves, safety glasses, N95 masks, hand sanitizer, thermometers and covers. All of which helps with daily health screenings of children and staff and prepares us for potential exposure. Our residential department has purchased an increased amount of sanitizing wipes and other cleaning products. We are also using paper products for all meals in the residences to limit exposure. Replenishing these supplies proves difficult with the high demand and price increases across the country.

As each day passes during this pandemic, we watch more and more people in our community come together. ***You are part of our Hoffman Homes for Youth Community, and we are grateful for your unwavering commitment and passion for helping children.*** Now more than ever, your support of our program is making a difference as we adapt to the challenges we are facing.

We will get through this together and come out stronger!

Of the 104 children admitted in 2019:

The average age at admission was 13 years
The average length of stay was 9.5 months
95% have had a prior stay in a psychiatric hospital
86% have a history of significant aggression
41% / 47% have been physically / sexually abused
62% have attempted suicide at least once
93% of the children discharged met their treatment goals

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