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Notice of Serious Incident

Date of Incident: 9/19/2023

Date Received by DCCECE: 9/20/2023

Facility Name: Piney Ridge Treatment Center

Facility Number: 203

Incident Type: Licensing

Report Description: [REDACTED] (DOB [REDACTED] Arkansas private) and [REDACTED] (DOB [REDACTED] Arkansas private) on 9/19/23 at approximately 1245 were outside for free time after lunch and quickly scaled the fences toward the apartment complex/parking lot. Staff members followed but lost sight of the residents. The Fayetteville Police Department was called at approximately 1300. Both the police and employees looked for the residents but did not locate them. At approximately 0002 on 9/20/2023 both residents returned to the PRTC accompanied by a Fayetteville police officer. The residents reportedly went to a gas station and asked the employee to call PRTC to say he wanted to come back. PRTC called the police and advised them of the whereabouts of the residents and they returned. No significant injuries were noted. One of the residents made a statement of smoking a vape with THC with two children "who were like our age". Because of this, UA of both residents was obtained. Both residents were placed on Elopement precautions, restricted to the unit - which will be re-assessed in 24 hours of their return. Additionally, note that one of the residents was moved units to separate the two residents from sleeping on the same unit. Both residents will follow up with their primary therapist related to the incident and guardians were notified.

Interim Action Narrative:

Maltreatment Narrative:

Licensing Narrative: 9/20/23 -The provider reported incident was reviewed by Licensing Specialist Jarred Parnell. Licensing Specialist will reach out to the facility to inquire about the ratios at the time of the elopement. 9/29/2023 - The facility responded there were 4 staff counted in the ratio during the elopement. Licensing Specialist responded to inquiring how many residents were the 4 staff supervising. No response was sent back. 10/3/2023 - Licensing Specialist called Ronissa Adams to get information on how many residents were in the ratio. Ronissa did not answer. A voicemail was left. 10/4/2023 - Licensing Specialist followed up with the facility and the ratio at the time of the elopement was 4:14. 4 staff to 14 residents.