



Placement and Residential Licensing Unit

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Notice of Serious Incident

Case Number: 023511

Date of Incident: 8/26/2024

Date Received: 8/26/2024

Facility Name: Elizabeth Mitchell Centers

Facility Number: 157

Incident Type: Licensing

Report Description: As of 8/26/24 mold was discovered in dorm 1 at EMAC while working on replacing the flooring. The flooring company had originally reported this would be a one-day job for each dorm, so no clients would need to be moved. After the mold was discovered a restoration company was called and will be doing testing to determine next steps. We are requesting the clients from dorm 1 be allowed to sleep in the dining room area until this is resolved. There will be up to 8 clients needing to be in the dining room. We will make sure there is appropriate staffing in place. The classrooms will be used after school hours and they will only be in dining room for sleeping purposes.

Interim Action Narrative: Dorm 1 residents will not return to the dorm until issue is resolved.

Maltreatment Narrative:

Licensing Narrative: During a visit, Program Coordinator was informed of this incident and staffed with the PRLU Administrator. Facility was encouraged to submit something in writing regarding their plans. Dorm 1 consists of 8 female residents. Facility's plan has been temporarily approved by PRLU Administrator. Program Coordinator will follow up with the facility. 8/28/2024, facility reported they were expecting to receive a report regarding a

remediation plan and have a contractor on standby depending on what needs to be done and would keep Licensing updated. Facility also reported that programming had not been affected. Residents are still attending school, and activities are continuing as scheduled. They are using classrooms after school hours instead of the common area on the dorm and they are sleeping in the cafeteria. 8/30/2024, Program Coordinator followed up with facility on admissions for Dorm 1. Facility reported no admissions for Dorm 1 are being taken at this time. Program Coordinator requested a written plan on accommodations. 9/5/2024, Program Coordinator followed up with facility for an update. 9/9/2024, facility reported they received and approved the estimate for remediation today. The facility is hoping the company will start remediation work tomorrow (9/10/2024) or Wednesday (9/11/2024) and expect it to take a couple of days. Then, the facility will get EMTEC to do another test for levels. Assuming that test is good, the sheetrock will be replaced that has to be removed, and lay the floor. If all goes according to plan, the facility should be moving the girls back in next week. 9/18/2024, facility reported that they are waiting on the test results to determine if the atmosphere is mold free. If the facility receives notice that all is clear, they are hoping to start construction on 9/19/2024 with the hopes of moving the residents back on their dorm on Tuesday, 9/24/2024.