The Department of Social Services, Office of Licensing & Accreditation is requiring the implementation of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The CAP is established to ensure changes are made to achieve and maintain compliance with the identified Administrative Rule(s) of South Dakota (ARSD).

**ARSD – Out of Compliance**

Aurora Plains Academy was found to be out of compliance with the underlined portion of the following Administrative Rules of South Dakota:

**67:42:15:10. Treatment plan.**

Within 14 days after admission to the facility, the child’s treatment team must develop a written treatment plan for the child. Each team member must sign the plan. The plan must contain the following information:

1. An assessment of the child’s needs, strengths, weaknesses, and problems. The assessment must include a diagnostic evaluation of the medical, psychological, social, behavioral, and developmental needs of the child and reflect the need for intensive residential treatment;

2. Treatment goals for the child and the child’s family with an integrated program of therapies, activities, and experiences designed to meet the goals, and projected times for achieving the stated goals;

3. The projected length of stay and the conditions under which the child will be discharged; and

4. A discharge plan that meets the requirements of § 67:42:15:12.

Source: 32 SDR 33, effective August 31, 2005; 34 SDR 200, effective January 30, 2008.

General Authority: SDCL 26-6-16.

Law Implemented: SDCL 26-6-16.


**67:42:15:12. Discharge plan.**

The treatment team must establish a discharge plan for the child. The discharge plan must include the following information:

1. The projected date of discharge;
(2) The responsibilities of the provider, child, family, and placement agency in the discharge and transition process;

(3) Transitional services to be provided and by whom;

(4) Crisis and emergency plans;

(5) Links with community resources and preparation for how to navigate the adult service system if the child is sixteen years of age or older;

(6) Aftercare services;

(7) A list of responsible persons; and

(8) If the child is Native American, involvement of the child's tribe in aftercare planning.

Source: 32 SDR 33, effective August 31, 2005.

General Authority: SDCL 26-6-16.

Law Implemented: SDCL 26-6-16.

Non-Compliance Finding:

Three out of four treatment plans reviewed during the on-site license renewal did not contain a discharge plan developed within 14 days after admission. Treatment plans contained a projected date but did not have conditions under which the child will be discharged, or items required in ARSD 67:42:15:12. Discharge planning was included in subsequent agency reviews of the treatment plan.

Action Needed:
A plan ensuring discharge plans are completed with the initial treatment plan must be submitted to this office. The plan must contain how the discharge plans will be completed within 14 days after admission and include all the items listed in above in ARSD 67:42:15:12.

Submit plan by:

February 14th, 2022
Corrective Action Plan (Attach documents if needed):

Aurora Plains Academy finalized its Transition and Aftercare Plan. In part of putting into full use, we have added a trigger date for it to be completed within 14 days of the client admission and then quarterly there after until discharge. The “Permanency Plan” paragraph will also copy into the Treatment Plans and will refer back to the entire Transition and Aftercare plan. This plan will indicate all criteria for discharge and transition along with a space to add additional verbiage to indicate if the plan is part of APA discharge or if these are indicated by the placing agency.

Review/updates/flow of the report was discussed with Michelle Payne (Admissions and Aftercare Coordinator) on 2/7/2022. An in-service for the entire clinical department for the purpose and use of the plan has been scheduled for 2/16/2022.

On our Strengths and Needs Assessment, we added a trigger date for it to be completed 14 days after client admits and then quarterly there after till discharge. We also added an area to discuss the Strength/Need for Transition & Aftercare Planning with a Goal Needed Priority ranking. This report is going to be uploaded directly to the clinical conclusions portion of the treatment plan and will indicate any areas where a goal was identified, not required, or being deferred. There will also be a commentary space to indicate placing agency needs. This will be completed by 4/1/2022 in our Extended Reach program. The Strengths and Needs assessment is completed on a separate document at this time and we are actively working to pull it directly into the treatment plan.

Date Corrective Action Plan Implemented: 2/01/2022

Date of Expected Completion: 4/1/2022

Your signature below certifies you have read and understand the non-compliance findings and submitted a plan to comply with the identified portions of ARSD to the Department of Social Services, Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

[Signature]  2/15/2022

Signature of Agency Director  Date

The Department of Social Services, Office of Licensing and Accreditation has reviewed and accepted the above plan.

[Signature]  2/15/22

Signature of Licensing Staff  Date