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SCREENING FOR RISK OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION AND ABUSIVENESS

- 1. All residents shall be assessed during an intake screening and upon transfer to another facility for their risk of being sexually abused by other residents or sexually abusive toward other residents.
- 2. Intake screening shall ordinarily take place within 72 hours of arrival at the facility.
- 3. Such assessments shall be conducted using an objective screening instrument.
- 4. The intake screening shall consider, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess residents for risk of sexual victimization:
 - 1. Whether the resident has a mental, physical, or developmental disability;
 - 2. The age of the resident;
 - 3. The physical build of the resident;
 - 4. Whether the resident has previously been incarcerated;
 - 5. Whether the resident's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent;
 - 6. Whether the resident has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child;
 - 7. Whether the resident is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, transsexual;
 - 8. Whether the resident has previously experienced sexual victimization; and
 - 9. The residents own perception of vulnerability.
- 5. The intake screening shall consider prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses, and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse, as known to the agency, in assessing residents for risk of being sexually abusive.
- 6. Within a set time period, not to exceed 30 days from the resident's arrival at Tomorrows Hope (TH), TH will reassess the resident's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by the facility since the intake screening.
- 7. A resident's risk level shall be reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the resident's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness.
- Residents may not be disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked pursuant to paragraphs (d)(1), (d)(7), (d)(8), or (d)(9) of this section.
- 9. Sensitive information shall not be disseminated unnecessarily to guard against exploit of the resident's detriment by staff or other residents.
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- 14. The agency shall implement appropriate controls on the dissemination within the facility of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the resident's detriment by staff or other residents.

APPROVALS

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