

# The Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™):

*Service Score Results:* Baseline

**Name of Program and Service:** Adelphoi Village-Intensive Supervision Male-Aggression Replacement Training  
Cohort Total: 10 SPEP ID: 4  
Selected Timeframe: Jan. 2012-Dec. 2013  
Date(s) of Interview(s): Mar. 19, 2014, Apr. 14, 2014  
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**Description of Service:** *This should include a **brief** overview of the service within the context of the program, the location and if community based or residential. Indicate the type of youth referred, how the service is delivered, the purpose of service and any other **relevant** information to help the reader understand the SPEP service type classification. (350 character limit)*

Adelphoi Village provides various types and levels of residential treatment programs for male and female youth across Pennsylvania. Types of treatment include: General Secure Care/Male and Female; Secure Care for Sex Offenders/Male; Independent Living Group Homes/Male; Drug and Alcohol Group Home/Male; Intensive Supervision Group Homes/ Male and Female (inclusive of a specialty unit with a mental health focus/Female; and Shelter/Male and Female. Treatment is individualized, designed to address a number of criminogenic risk factors, inclusive of anger and aggression issues, poor problem solving, mild to moderate mental health issues, strained family dynamics, and trauma. Adelphoi Village's philosophy is that the cycle of degeneration can be altered in favor of positive growth and success through applying the beliefs and principles of brotherly concern coupled with proven modalities.

Youth are placed by the courts within one of Adelphoi Village's Intensive Supervision Group Homes at varied stages of court involvement. This may be the initial out of home placement for a youth or placement here may be upon the court transitioning a youth from a more restrictive level of care, inclusive of stepping down a youth from a secure placement. The average length of stay varies across Adelphoi Village's different program types with the average length of stay for a youth within one of Adelphoi Village's Intensive Supervision Group Homes falling within the 5-6 month range.

With few exceptions, youth placed within these group homes participate in Aggression Replacement Training® (ART®), designed to alter the behavior of chronically aggressive adolescents. The program incorporates: skill-streaming, anger-control training, and moral reasoning.

## The four characteristics of a service found to be the most strongly related to reducing recidivism:

### 1. **SPEP™ Service Type:** Cognitive-behavior Therapy

Based on the meta-analysis, is there a qualifying supplemental service? No

If so, what is the Service type? There is no qualifying supplemental service

Was the supplemental service provided? n/a Total Points Possible for this Service Type: 35

Total Points Earned: 35 Total Points Possible: 35

### 2. **Quality of Service:** Research has shown that programs that deliver service with high quality are more likely to have a positive impact on recidivism reduction. Monitoring of quality is defined by existence of written protocol, staff training and supervision, and how drift from service delivery is addressed.

Total Points Earned: 20 Total Points Possible: 20

3. **Amount of Service:** Score was derived from examination of weeks and hours each youth in the cohort received the service. The amount of service is measured by the target amounts of service for the SPEP service categorization. Each SPEP service type has varying amounts of duration and dosage. Youth should receive the targeted amounts to have the greatest impact on recidivism reduction.

Points received for Duration or Number of Weeks: 6

Points received for Dosage or Number of Hours: 6

Total Points Earned: 12 Total Points Possible: 20

4. **Youth Risk Level:** The risk level score is compiled by calculating the total % of youth that score above low risk, and the total % of youth who score above moderate risk to reoffend based on the results of the YLS.

10/10 youth in the cohort are Moderate, High or Very High YLS Risk Level for a total of 12 points

3/10 youth in the cohort are High or Very High YLS Risk Level for a total of 10 points

Total Points Earned: 22 Total Points Possible: 25

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**Basic SPEP™ Score:** 89 total points awarded out of 100 points. Compares service to any other type of SPEP therapeutic service. (eg: individual counseling compared to cognitive behavioral therapy, social skills training, mentoring, etc.)

Note: Services with scores greater than or equal to 50 show the service is having a positive impact on recidivism reduction.

**Program Optimization Percentage:** 89% This percentage compares the service to the same service types found in the research. (eg: individual counseling compared to all other individual counseling services included in the research)

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## The SPEP and Performance Improvement

The intended use of the SPEP is to optimize the effectiveness of reducing recidivism among juvenile offenders. Recommendations for performance improvement are included in the service feedback report, and these recommendations are the focus of the performance improvement plan, a shared responsibility of the service provider and the local juvenile court. The recommendations for this service included in the feedback report are:

The Adelphoi Village Intensive Supervision Male Programs' service of Aggression Replacement Training (ART) scored an 89% Program Optimization Percentage. This intervention was categorized as a Group 5 service; Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy with no qualifying supplemental service. The quality of the service was found to be delivered at a High level. The risk levels of youth participating in this program are: 0% as Low Risk; 100% as Moderate Risk or above; and 30% as High Risk. The amount of service provided to the clients was at 60% of the recommended targeted weeks of duration and 70% of the recommended target contact hours for this service type.

The Adelphoi Village Intensive Supervision Male Programs could improve their capacity for recidivism reduction through:

1. Identifying an operational strategy to facilitate Anger Control Groups in a closed group format as recommended by Educational Training Alternatives, ETA.
2. Acquiring more Train-the-Trainers within the Agency in order to ensure high fidelity of service delivery.
3. Improving communication with Allegheny County Juvenile Court and other courts that use this service on the research amount of service that should be provided for this service type.
4. Utilizing assessments (i.e. Skill Streaming Checklist, AQ, and How I Think) to determine which components of ART can most benefit youth that receive the service as recommended by Educational Training Alternatives, ETA.
5. More consistent utilization of pre and post tests to measure ART outcomes for the agency as recommended by Educational Training Alternatives, ETA.