

The Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP™):

Service Score Results: Baseline

Name of Program and Service: Adelphoi-ISF-Community Service/Restitution

Cohort Total: 10

SPEP ID: 181-T01

Selected Timeframe: July 1, 2016 through July 1, 2017

Date(s) of Interview(s): June 23, 2017 & April 25, 2017

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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 and 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 principals 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 already in placement, within a more restrictive level of care, to a less restrictive level of care. The average length of stay varies across Adelphoi Village's different program types. The average length of stay for a youth within one of Adelphoi Village's Intensive Supervision Group Homes falls within the 5 to 6-month range.

All youth in the Community Service/Restitution Program participate in the completion of community service projects for the benefit of the broader community. Activities include: the Faith-In-Action program, a partnership program for the elderly; assisting with Bingo at area nursing homes, litter crews through the Adopt-A-Highway program; fundraisers such as spaghetti dinners, coat drives and holiday gift wrapping; and snow shoveling for shut-ins. On average, each youth completes approximately 20+ hours of community service each year. Work service projects completed for the benefit of the Adelphoi Village community are counted toward each youths' stipend. These projects may consist of household chores, lawn care, leaf raking and snow shoveling. When a youth owes restitution, 50% of their stipend is allocated towards restitution and the remainder is secured in an account released to the youth when they leave the program. Youth with no outstanding restitution receive their stipend in its totality upon discharge.

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

1. **SPEP™ Service Type:** Restitution/Community Service

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: 15

Total Points Earned: 15 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: 8

Points received for Dosage or Number of Hours: 0

Total Points Earned: 8 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 youth in the cohort are Moderate, High or Very High YLS Risk Level for a total of 12 points

4 youth in the cohort are High or Very High YLS Risk Level for a total of 13 points

Total Points Earned: 25 Total Points Possible: 25

Basic SPEP™ Score: 68 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: 85% 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)

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:

Community Service/Restitution scored a 68 for the Basic Score and an 85% Program Optimization Percentage. It is classified as a Group 2 service - Restitution/Community Service, with no qualifying supplemental service. The quality of the service was found to be at a high level. The amount of service provided to the youth was 80% of the recommended targeted weeks for duration and 0% of the recommended targeted contact hours for this service type. The risk levels of youth admitted to the program were 0% as low risk, 60% as moderate risk, and 40% as high risk. The program could improve its capacity for recidivism reduction through:

1. Regarding Amount of Service:

- a. Improve communication with Juvenile Probation Departments using this service regarding the research-supported amount of service recommended for this service type.
- b. Develop tracking methods to measure the community service hours completed by juveniles while on-site and identify how to translate restitution hours into contact hours.