

January 27, 2014

Address Block

Dear _____,

Thank you for your recent telephone call. If you have questions regarding the enclosed information please do not hesitate to call

Eagle Eye Farm Rehabilitation Center has been addressing the unique needs of Traumatic Brain Injured survivors [TBI], as well as other “at-risk” populations, for approximately 20 years. Our staff, many of whom are professional educators, have been working successfully with at-risk populations for over twenty-five years. Our **client-centered** program utilizes an educational, rather than medical model, approach to program design/implementation. Program design is flexible and is constantly updated with information obtained through continuing education courses as well as conferences that staff members attend. Eagle Eye Farm staff has extensive experience working, successfully, with behaviorally challenging residents. To this end we make every attempt to secure *long-term* commitments from those considering our program. It is, in our opinion, most important to maintain structure and program continuity critical in the rehabilitation process.

Program design focuses on “hands-on” learning. Residents work on building vocational skills while addressing academic, social and other identified needs.

The residential site, located in a rural area of Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom, offers residents an environment that is relatively free of stresses often associated with more urban areas. In addition, our main campus, located on a mountaintop, enhances security relative to residents that may be at risk for elopement. A main farmhouse, four apartments, seven “stand alone” homes as well as seasonal lake housing provide alternate living accommodations for residents as they progress in their respective programs.

Community based activities are located approximately six miles from the residential site providing access to church, shopping, banking, laundry and various social activities.

Program activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

I. VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- a. Animal husbandry
- b. Automotive repair
- c. Building trades
- d. Casting [small pewter objects]
- e. Computer training
- f. Culinary arts
- g. Forestry management-logging-sawmill operation
- h. Gardening/Greenhouse
- i. Welding
- j. Wood working
- k. Silk-screening
- l. Spring sugaring
- m. Forge

II. ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- a. 1:1 tutoring English/Social Studies/Math
- b. Community based college extension courses
- c. Adult education courses at local technical schools
- d. Driver education

III. EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- a. Community resources include, but are not limited to, food service, hospitality industry, nursing home volunteering etc.
- b. Alexanders' Millbrook Cottages provide residents with an opportunity for paid employment assisting summer guests.
- c. Town government work opportunities.
- d. Residents are offered work opportunities in our vocational shop.
- e. Summer brings marketing opportunities at our local Farmers Market.
- f. Our residents sell items that *they* produce e.g. toys, syrup, furniture.

IV. RECREATION

- a. Winter. Cross-country, downhill skiing, snowboarding [Jay Peak Ski Resort], snow shoeing [VT Leadership Center], swimming and exercising at Lyndon State College.
- b. Spring. Horticulture as we prepare for our summer planting season and maple sugaring in our sugar house.
- c. Summer. Boating, swimming and fishing at our Lake Willoughby site, hiking, gardening, biking, etc.

Eagle Eye Farm Rehabilitation Center is a licensed Level IV Therapeutic Residential Care facility. Eagle Eye Farm Rehabilitation Center is an approved Medicaid Provider.

In addition to working with Medicaid patients we also collaborate with local education agencies [LEA] insurance companies, families, state agencies [Corrections, Vocational Rehabilitation/Mental Health, Social Rehabilitation Services] and the court system, to identify, and develop, appropriate programs for each resident that is referred to Eagle Eye Farm Rehabilitation Center.

Residents have access to an excellent regional health center [*Northern Counties Health*] for dental and health maintenance services. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center doctors assist, when necessary, with psychiatric interventions. Psychotherapy services are available locally as needed.

Eagle Eye Farm Rehabilitation Center is fortunate to have two consultants that meet with staff, and certain residents, on an “on needed” basis. Both doctors, a psychiatrist and a behaviorist, have extensive experience working with “special populations”.

Our **client-centered** program provides services in a *non-institutional* setting espousing a home like atmosphere for both resident(s) and staff. To this end we make every attempt to maintain an average census of twelve *long-term* residents. Off-site home based services are also provided as appropriate.

Our lake cottages offers recreation and accommodations for family when visiting residents at our farm.

Program Cost.

The Treatment Team, using the Medicaid Waiver as a guide, determines program costs. Medicaid and/or Medicare often cover client medical expenses. Program funding sources include, but are not limited to, private pay, LEA’s, Medicaid Waiver, Mental Health, Insurance Companies, etc.

Our admissions policy, given our limited bed space, gives priority to residents that will benefit from long-term care.

It is *critical* to identify stable funding prior to proceeding with the admissions process.

If you have questions, or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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