



# **Foster Care and Community Programs Sexual Issues Treatment and Education (SITE) - Pennsylvania**

## **Description**

The KidsPeace Sexual Issues Treatment and Education (SITE) Program provides high-quality treatment to children and juveniles with sexual issues. Specially trained Master's degreed clinicians provide services to youth who have a history of sexually inappropriate behavior, or to those who have been sexually victimized. Treatment intervention for sex offenders or victims integrates cognitive, affective and behavioral approaches in community-based settings, or as an additional service to those in more restrictive settings. Varying levels of care are available, including:

- Assessment identifies the nature and acuity of the offender's issues via weekly individual or family sessions, social histories, diagnostic tools and other available records.
- Intensive consists of individual, group and family therapy and 24/7 crisis intervention services. Intense structure and supervision are built into programming for this level of care. Social and cultural enhancement activities are provided as needed. Collateral contacts with educators, probation officers, caseworkers and any other participants in treatment occur as needed.
- Intermediate consists of weekly individual, family and group therapy; 24/7 intervention services; and bi-weekly collateral contacts. Less structure and supervision allow clients to maintain themselves in the community with moderate supports.
- Maintenance offers bi-weekly individual and/or family therapy, with collateral contacts according to the treatment needs of the client. Success with prior treatment and a minimal need for supports and supervision are required for this level of care. Clients also have access to weekly group sessions.
- Aftercare is intended for sex offenders who are transitioning into the community from a specialized residential program. Individual, group and family therapy reinforces relapse prevention during reintegration into the community.
- Group Therapy is held on a weekly basis and offers offense-specific treatment to members who are grouped according to age, offense and intelligence level when possible. Facilitated by a team of therapists, sessions are theme-focused and process oriented. Group members actively confront, support and give feedback to one another while processing treatment issues and topics.
- Social and Cultural Enrichment Activities provide youth with community service and recreational activities under the direct guidance and supervision of the primary therapist. As a component of the Intensive, Intermediate and Maintenance levels of care, youth develop age-appropriate skills, interests and peer relationships in recreational activities.

## **Population Served**

SITE services are available for pre-school-aged youth to age 21 who meet requirements for admission regardless of race, religion or gender. Individuals involved in the juvenile justice system who have a history of sexually inappropriate behavior or sexual victimization qualify for services.

Eligibility for offenders requires, at minimum, a partial admission of their sexual offenses(s), some motivation to change, willingness to undergo treatment for substance abuse if applicable and agreement with the conditions of treatment.

MA eligible clients also require:

- A psychiatric or psychological evaluation that determines a medical necessity for services
- A valid Pennsylvania Access/HealthChoices card
- A five axial DSM-IV-R diagnosis
- An interdisciplinary team recommendation and treatment plan for services.

Children who are actively suicidal, overly aggressive, a danger to the community, active fire-setters or in need of 24-hour awake supervision are not appropriate for SITE services. Pre-admission screening for service eligibility is available upon request.

## **Treatment Team**

***For additional information or admission, please contact:***

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SITE services are individualized according to the needs of the youth and designed by members of the treatment team, which may include:

- KidsPeace SITE therapists
- The youth and parents or guardian
- KidsPeace caseworkers
- Psychologist/psychiatrist
- Juvenile Probation or Children and Youth Representative
- KidsPeace program managers.

### **Service Locations**

SITE services are currently available to youth and families in Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming and portions of Bradford and Monroe Counties. To make a referral, or to inquire about service availability, contact one of our local offices in northeastern Pennsylvania or call 800-551-2238.

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