



Camp Horizon 2011

Part C

Please read & retain this information for your records:

Program Rights & Responsibilities
Privacy Policies



CAMP HORIZON

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Expectations for use of Services

Camp Horizon provides a summer recreation program consisting of both day and overnight camp for children and adults with developmental disabilities who can be most successful in a program specifically designed to meet the need of this population.

As a participant in Camp Horizon, the individual and/or his/her legal guardian is expected to do the following:

1. Provide complete and accurate information as requested on all application and follow-up forms, including a photo, prior to June 1st of each summer.
2. Comply with camp rules regarding medications administered at camp, as outlined in application materials.
3. Arrive at camp no more than 10 minutes before the scheduled start time, and depart no more than 10 minutes later than the scheduled end of camp unless prior arrangements have been made.
4. Participate in camp activities to the extent of the individual's ability.
5. Arrive at camp with all required items as indicated on camp supply list provided to participants prior to camp.
6. Notify service providers in a timely fashion of significant events related to the camper's family, other service providers or community which may impact the individual's services or ability to participate in camp.

Hours of Availability

Camp Horizon takes place for eight weeks during June, July and August of each year. The schedule of dates for day and overnight camp and hours of operation vary slightly from year to year depending on facility availability, and will be posted on the agency website and included in application materials as soon as available each spring.

Conditions for Termination

The following situations are grounds for termination from the program:

1. Behavior that adversely affects the health, safety and experience of other campers.
2. The individual develops a medical status warranting care and treatment beyond the scope of the Camp Horizon program.
3. The individual, parent or legal guardian no longer consents to participate in the program.
4. The individual no longer requires services.
5. The individual's needs would be better served by another program or level of care.

Should one of the above situations arise, your service provider will inform you of the potential for termination and offer opportunity to address the situation. Written notice of termination shall be available within 30 days of case closing.

Participation in Treatment Decisions

The client, legal guardian, and/or family have the right to participate in identifying goals and setting service priorities to be addressed at Camp Horizon.

Refusal of Services

It is your right to refuse any treatment, service, or medication, unless mandated by law or court order. However, refusal to participate may negatively impact this agency's ability to help you. If that refusal is an obstacle to services, the case may be terminated. The Up Center staff is not liable for any adverse consequences arising from refusal of services.

Behavior Management Policy

The agency endorses a "hands off" policy of behavior management. However, in the event that a camper is at imminent risk of harm to self or others AND no other methods are available to protect the safety of the camper and/or others, the camper may be physically restrained using the manual restraint techniques of the Crisis Prevention Institute as applied by qualified staff certified in Non-violent Crisis Intervention.

Limits of Privacy

Camp Horizon uses information obtained on application forms and through verbal conversations to conduct evaluations of all prospective individuals to determine both eligibility for services and appropriate activities. You may be asked personal information regarding you and your family. All information gathered as part of the assessment remains confidential. Data may be shared with your support coordinator and other service providers. No information is released to other parties or agencies without your written consent.

There are some legal exceptions to confidentiality. To ensure the safety of yourself and your family, service providers are bound by law to report the following information:

- Suicidal behaviors, plans, or threats
- Threats of harm to self or others
- Suspected child abuse including physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; physical or medical neglect; and child endangerment
- Suspicion of elder abuse (i.e. anyone 65 or older) including physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; physical or medical neglect, or embezzlement
- And as otherwise required or permitted by law

Grievance Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the services you are receiving, please adhere to the following format:

1. First notify your service provider so that they may address the deficit.
2. Should you feel unable to discuss the problem with your service provider, you may lodge a formal complaint with the program manager.

3. If the program manager is unable to satisfactorily address your problem, you may appeal that decision to the agency's Vice-President of Residential Services.
4. If you feel that your rights have been violated you may contact the state-appointed Regional Advocate for help in making, resolving, or appealing treatment decisions.

Call or Write:

***Program Manager for
Camp Horizon***

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Norfolk, VA 23502
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***Vice-President of Residential
Services***

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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES
Effective Date: April 14, 2003

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION.

PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

PER THE HIPAA ACT OF 1996, WE HAVE A LEGAL DUTY TO SAFEGUARD YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION. We will protect the privacy of the health information that we maintain that identifies you, whether it deals with the provision or payment of your health care. We must provide you with this Notice about our privacy practices. It explains how, when, and why we may use and disclose your health information. With some exceptions, we will avoid using or disclosing any more of your health information than is necessary to accomplish the purpose of the use of disclosure. We are legally required to follow the privacy practices that are described in this Notice, which is currently in effect.

However, we reserve the right to change the terms of this Notice and our privacy practices at any time. Any changes will apply to any of your health information that we already have. Before we make an important change to our policies, we will promptly change this Notice and post a new Notice in your location of service. You may also request, at any time, a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices that is in effect at any given time, from our complaints officer, who can be reached at (797)622-7017. [You may view and obtain an electronic copy of this Notice on our web site at www.childandfamilyservices.org].

We would like to take this opportunity to answer some common questions concerning our privacy practices:

QUESTION: HOW WILL THIS ORGANIZATION USE AND DISCLOSE MY PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION?

Answer: We use and disclose health information for many different reasons. For some of these uses or disclosures, we need your specific authorization. Below, we describe the different categories of our uses and disclosures and give you some examples of each.

A. Uses and Disclosures Relating to Treatment, Payment, or Healthcare Operations. We may, by federal law, use and disclose your health information for the following reasons:

1. **For Treatment:** For example, we may disclose your healthcare information with another healthcare provider or agency related to linkage or referral, or medical history to a hospital if you need medical attention while at our facility, or to a residential care program we are referring you to. Reasons for such a disclosure may be: to get them the medical history information they need to appropriately treat your condition, to coordinate your care, or to schedule necessary testing. With the possible exception of information concerning drug and alcohol abuse and/or treatment, and HIV status (for which we may need your specific authorization), we may disclose your health information to other health care providers who are involved in your care.
2. **To Obtain Payment for Treatment:** For example, we may provide certain portions of your health information to your health insurance company, Medicare or Medicaid, managed care entity, city funded service coordination unit (FAPT/CSA) or the city (e.g. CSB, Department of Behavioral Healthcare Services, Department of Social Services) in order to get paid for taking care of you. With the possible exception of information concerning drug and alcohol abuse and/or treatment, and HIV status (for which we may need your specific authorization), we may use and disclose necessary health information in order to bill and collect payment for the treatment that we have provided to you.

3. **For Health Care Operations:** We may, at times, need to use and disclose your health information to run our organization. For example, we may use your health information to evaluate the quality of the treatment that our staff has provided to you. We may also need to provide some of your health information to our accountants, attorneys, and consultants in order to make sure that we're complying with law. Because this information concerns mental health disorders and/or treatment, drug and alcohol abuse and/or treatment, and/or HIV status, we may be further limited in what we provide and may be required to first obtain your authorization.
4. **Other:** Occasionally we have visitors touring our facilities in consideration of services to be provided. No individually identifiable health information will be disclosed.

B. Certain Other Uses and Disclosures are Permitted by Federal Law. We may use and disclose your health information without your authorization for the following reasons:

1. **When a Disclosure is Required by Federal, State, or Local Law, in Judicial or Administrative Proceedings, or by Law Enforcement.** For example, we may disclose your protected health information if we are ordered by a court, or if a law requires that we report that sort of information to a government agency or law enforcement authorities, such as suspected child abuse.
2. **For Public Health Activities.** Under the law, we need to report information about certain diseases and about any deaths to government agencies that collect that information. With the possible exception of information concerning HIV status (for which we may need your specific authorization), we are also permitted to provide some health information to the coroner or a funeral director, if necessary, after a client's death.
3. **For Health Oversight Activities.** We may need to provide your health information to the City and/or the State when they oversee the program in which you receive care. We will also need to provide information to government agencies that have the right to inspect our offices and/or investigate healthcare practices.
4. **For Organ Donation.** If one of our clients wished to make an eye, organ, or tissue donation after their death, we may disclose certain necessary health information to assist the appropriate organ procurement organization.
5. **For Research Purposes.** Most of the time we will ask for your signed authorization for you to participate in a research project. In certain limited circumstances (for example, where approved by an appropriate Privacy Board or Institutional Review Board under federal law), we may be permitted to use or provide protected health information for a research study without your permission.
6. **To Avoid Harm.** If one of our staff members believes that it is necessary to protect you, or to protect another person or the public as a whole, we may provide protected health information to the police or others who may be able to prevent or lessen the possible harm. Examples would include suspected cases of child or elder abuse or cases in which clients are suicidal.
7. **For Specific Government Functions.** Similarly, with the possible exception of information concerning drug and alcohol abuse and/or treatment, and HIV status (for which we may need your specific authorization), we may also disclose a client's health information for national security purposes. We may disclose the health information of military personnel or veterans where required by U.S. military authorities
8. **For Workers' Compensation.** We may provide your health information as described under the workers' compensation law, if your condition was the result of a workplace injury for which you are seeking worker's compensation.
9. **Appointment Reminders and Health-Related Benefits or Services.** Unless you tell us that you would prefer not to receive them, we may use or disclose your information to provide you with appointment reminders or alternative programs and treatments that may help you.
10. **Fundraising Activities.** For example, if our Organization chose to raise funds to support one or more of our programs or facilities, or some other charitable cause or community health education program, we may use the information that we have about you to contact you. If you do not wish to be contacted as part of any fundraising activities, please contact our Development Manager at (757) 622-7017

C. Certain Uses and Disclosures Require You to Have the Opportunity to Object.

1. **Disclosures to Family, Friends, or Others Involved in Your Care.** We may provide a limited amount of your health information to a family member, friends, or other person known to be involved in your care or in the payment for your care, unless you tell us not to. For example, if a family member comes with you to your appointment and you allow them to come into the treatment room with you, we may disclose otherwise protected health information to them during the appointment, unless you tell us not to.

2. **Disclosures to Notify a Family Member, Friend, or Other Selected Person.** When you first started in our program, we may have asked that you provide us with an emergency contact person in case something should happen to you while you are at our facilities. Unless you tell us otherwise, we will disclose limited health information about you (your general condition, location, etc.) to your emergency contact or another available family member. (For example, should you need to be admitted to the hospital).

D. Other Uses and Disclosures Require Your Prior Written Authorization. In situations other than those categories of uses and disclosures mentioned above, or those disclosures permitted under federal law, we will ask for your written authorization before using or disclosing any of your protected health information.

If you choose to sign an authorization to disclose any of your health information, you can later revoke it to stop further uses and disclosures to the extent that we haven't already taken action relying on the authorization, so long as it is revoked in writing (except for people receiving drug & alcohol services, when a verbal revocation is acceptable).

QUESTION: WHAT RIGHTS DO I HAVE CONCERNING MY PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION?

Answer: You have the following rights with respect to your protected health information:

- A. The Right to Request Limits on Uses and Disclosures of Your Health Information.** You have the right to ask us to limit how we use and disclose your health information. We will certainly consider your request, but you should know that we are not required to agree to it. If we do agree to your request, we will put the limits in writing and will abide by them, except in the case of an emergency. Please note that you are not permitted to limit the uses and disclosures that we are required or allowed by law to make.
- B. The Right to Choose How We Send Health Information to You or How We Contact You.** You have the right to ask that we contact you at an alternate address or telephone number (for example, sending information to your work address instead of your home address) or by alternate means. We must agree to your request so long as we can easily do so.
- C. The Right to See or to Get a Copy of Your Protected Health Information.** In most cases, you have the right to look at or get a copy of your health information that we have, but you must make the request in writing. A request form is available at your location of service. We will respond to you within 30 days after receiving your written request. If we do not have the health information that you are requesting, but we know who does, we will tell you how to get it. In certain situations, we may deny your request. If we do, we will tell you, in writing, our reasons for the denial. In certain circumstances, you may have a right to appeal the decision.

If you request a copy of any portion of your protected health information, we will charge you for the copy on a per page basis, only as allowed under Virginia state law. We need to require that payment be made in full before we will provide the copy to you.

D. The Right to Receive a List of Certain Disclosures of Your Health Information That We Have Made. You have the right to get a list of certain types of disclosures that we have made of your health information. This list would not include uses or disclosures for treatment, payment or healthcare operations, disclosures to you or with your written authorization, disclosures made prior to April 14, 2003, or other disclosures for which an accounting is not required under the HIPAA Act if 1996. You may not request an accounting for more than a six (6) year period.

To make such a request, we require that you do so in writing; a request form is available upon asking at your location of service. We will respond to you within 60 days of receiving your request. The list that you may receive will include the date of the disclosure, the person or organization that received the information (with their address, if available), a brief description of the information disclosed, and a brief reason for the disclosure. We will provide such a list to you at no charge; but, if you make more than one request in the same calendar year, you will be charged \$30 for each additional request that year.

- E. The Right to Ask to Correct or Update Your Health Information.** If you believe that there is a mistake in your health information or that a piece of important information is missing, you have a right to ask that we make an appropriate change to your information. You must make the request in writing, with the reason for your request, on a request form that is available at your location of service.

We will respond within 60 days of receiving your request. If we approve your request, we will make the change to your health information, tell you when we have done so, and will tell others that need to know about the change.

We may deny your request if the protected health information: (1) is correct and complete; (2) was not created by us; (3) is not allowed to be disclosed to you; or (4) is not part of our records. Our written denial will state the reasons that your request was denied and explain your right to file a written statement of disagreement with the denial. If you do not wish to do so, you may ask that we include a copy of your request form, and our denial form, with all future disclosures of that health information.

QUESTION: HOW DO I COMPLAIN OR ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS ORGANIZATION'S PRIVACY PRACTICES?

Answer: If you have any questions about anything discussed in this Notice or about any of our privacy practices, or if you have any concerns or complaints, please contact your worker, who will direct you to the appropriate person, or you may contact the Executive Vice President at (757)622-7017. You also have the right to file a written complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We cannot take any retaliatory action against you if you lodge any type of complaint.

QUESTION: WHEN DOES THIS NOTICE TAKE EFFECT?

Answer: This Notice takes effect on April 14, 2003.