

Statewide Investigation Unit

Overview

DSHS' Developmental Disabilities Administration established the Statewide Investigation Unit in 2007 to follow federal law. The law requires independent investigation of serious incidents that happen at the state's four residential habilitation centers.

The SIU is a team of eight compliance and investigation managers. These managers work at the RHCs and are supervised by the SIU Manager.

The SIU provides quality services to individuals living in RHCs to help ensure they are living safe, healthy and secure lives by:

- Conducting independent, thorough and timely investigations of serious incidents.
- Monitoring the RHCs for compliance with plans of correction when required.
- Analyzing data for trends and patterns to be addressed.
- Conducting reviews of investigations completed by the RHCs.

Currently, 517 individuals live in the four RHCs in Washington:

- Fircrest School in Shoreline.
- Lakeland Village in Medical Lake.
- Rainier School in Buckley.
- Yakima Valley School in Selah.

Partners

- Clients.
- Families.
- Local and state law enforcement agencies.

Oversight

External

- Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Internal

- DSHS Residential Care Services Division compliance.



Eligibility

All residents of RHCs are eligible.

Authority

DSHS Policy 12.02, RHC Incident Investigations

42 C.F.R. 483.12, Admission, Transfer, and Discharge Rights

42 C.F.R. 483.420, Condition of Participation: Client Protections

Chapter 26.44 RCW, Abuse of Children

Chapter 43.20A, RCW DSHS

Chapter 70.124, RCW Abuse of Patients

Title 71A RCW, Developmental Disabilities

Chapter 74.34, RCW Abuse of Vulnerable Adults

Budget

These expenses cross multiple budget units and we do not currently track at this level.

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