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12-1-03 After hearing our son's description of the time-out room (dried blood on floor and walls Seamon and words on the wall that stated: "Please Keep our Room Clean, piss here") and his treatment during group therapy (clients hands and arms were "hit" by peer staff if clients hands/arms went limp when held-up), we phoned Butler County Children's Services to present a complaint of treatment abuse. A county representative came to our house to hear Ed's statement on KTK. She came to our house on 12-16-03. She stated she would prepare the report and fax to O.A.D.A.S. She further stated that the O.A.D.A.S.

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Certification representative would have to accompany her to KTK and that the whole process would take 30-45 days.

Other concerns which prompted our complaint: inability to go to bathroom at night, sleeping was done with underwear only at host's home - all other clothing forbidden. All bathroom visits were supervised and our soon was "belt looped" everywhere he went. Additionally, we were concerned that once our child could speak to us at the open meeting, a peer staff member would have to be present at all times.

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11-14-03 I attended first meeting.

I was not allowed to talk to my son and I was given the advice to "not even look him in the eyes" by my "Buddy Parents" Steve and Tina Cooper. These "Buddy Parents" were assigned to us at intake and were to show my husband and I how to "take household."

On 11-21-03, Peter and I attended our 2nd Open Meeting. Prior to this was a mandatory "Parent Group" meeting facilitated by a Junior/Senior Staff Paraprofessional, a graduate of KHK.

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When my husband and I went to pick up our son, KHK was very reluctant to release him. Upon Ed's release, it was evident that Ed had self-injured himself (cutting his arms) as there were cut marks on his arm. Ed stated that he attempted to hurt himself in order to go to the hospital. He cut himself during a time out on 11/24/03 and stated he used blood to outline a swastika as a cry for help. (Ed is not a racist) We were never informed of Ed's self injury.

It took us about an hour to get Ed out. Staff member Sean Smith kept prying into why we wanted Ed released.

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11-24-03

I attended voluntary Parent Support meeting, lead by parents of a recent graduate. At the meeting, I raised the question as to whether or not KHK uses a "Straight" model for treatment. The parents were quite adamant in denying any ties to the straight model.

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Thursday 11-13-03

Conversation with Sean Smith. He stated that Ed was having a "bad day." Ed told staff that he needs to be at Children's Hospital. Sean Smith said Ed had two time outs on this day, one for getting up and walking around during group therapy and two, for standing up at lunchtime and shoving a chair at a staff member. Sean also said that Ed was crying in his "time outs", stating that he knows he has a problem.

On 11-14-03, Sean stated Ed had one "time-out" and that he felt Ed was trying to manipulate staff by pretending to be psychotic.