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April 4, 2005

SUBJECT: Complaint against Kids Helping Kids, Milford Ohio

Dear Mr. Harlow,

ISAC Corporation hereby files the following complaint against an ODADAS licensed drug treatment facility named Kids Helping Kids located at 6070 Branch Hill Guinea Pike Milford Ohio.

Kids Helping Kids, is owned by Tri-State Drug Rehabilitation and Counseling Program, Inc., (TSDRCP). The Kids Helping Kids treatment methods are modeled after the same methods used in the STRAIGHT, INC. program. These methods are systematically abusive in nature to the children and young adults that are exposed to it during their treatment.

ISAC Corporation is concerned about several problems associated with the Kids Helping Kids treatment method. In the opinion of ISAC Corporation, this treatment of children includes emotional and psychological abuse, torture, human rights violations and permanent negative side effects. A list of specific concerns is enclosed in the following pages and must be addressed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Shelby Earnshaw,  
Director  
ISAC Corporation

The following list identifies the specific areas of concern regarding the operation of and drug treatment services provided to children and young adults by Kids Helping Kids.

1. Tri-State Drug Rehabilitation and Counseling Program, Inc., which owns Kids Helping Kids, was administratively dissolved by Trey Grayson, the Kentucky Secretary of State, on November 1, 2001. In Ohio, the governing authority of a drug treatment program is required to be in good standing. Tri-State Drug Rehabilitation and Counseling Program, Inc. does not fulfill this requirement.
2. New clients, called “newcomers” are forced to be “beltlooped”. This is a form of constant restraint. Constant restraint is illegal in Ohio. Furthermore, “beltlooping” is a form of humiliation and source of potentially harmful psychological and emotional side effects. This policy may also be considered as a form discrimination.
3. “Newcomers” are not allowed privacy while using the bathroom. This is a completely humiliating method of treating children and a gross violation of basic human rights.
4. Denial of the “Natural Environment”. “Newcomers” are not allowed to watch TV, listen to the radio or read, call home, tell their parents where they are living, and are not allowed to carry ID or any other personally identifying object. These rules are also discriminatory, humiliating, and are designed to break down the individual in a manner consistent with mind control, otherwise known as brainwashing.
5. “Newcomers” are housed in the homes of parents with children on higher “phases”. These are considered by law as foster homes. None of the homes of Kids Helping Kids families are licensed as foster homes. It is against the law to operate an unlicensed foster home, or knowingly condone the use of such homes.
6. Inside the homes of the foster parents, “newcomers” are locked in the bedroom at night in only their underwear. The door is locked from the outside, windows are also locked and alarmed. This may be considered as another form of constant restraint. This policy violates state fire codes.

7. An "assessment fee" is charged to parents, however, ISAC Corporation has reason to believe that clients are not assessed at intake.
8. Kids Helping Kids treatment program uses nearly identical methods as STRAIGHT, INC. That program closed its last open facility in 1993. In fact, Kids Helping Kids is operated in the same building which was bought from the Straight Foundation in 1993 by Tri-State Drug Rehabilitation and Counseling Program, Inc. The abuses sustained by clients of STRAIGHT, INC. are well documented. These abuses were widespread and systematic in nature.
9. In the most recent ODADAS recertification report, there were 38 deficiencies noted. Some of these deficiencies were present in previous reports. ISAC Corporation believes that a number of these deficiencies cannot be resolved due to the nature of the treatment methods used by Kids Helping Kids. Of primary concern is the continued use of physical restraint performed by untrained clients.

#### REDUNDANT DEFICIENCIES ANALYSIS

1. Assessment did not include a recommended course of treatment. An assessment related deficiency was cited in the 1997, 2002 and 2005 surveys. ISAC Corporation believes that assessments are not given to new clients. Intakes are performed, at least in part, by peer staff.
2. The program did not present a policy/procedure for terminating client services that addressed terminating against the advice of the program. This deficiency was cited in the 2002 and 2005 surveys.
3. The program did not have client files that documented client receipt of education regarding the exposure to and treatment of tuberculosis, hepatitis B, and C and HIV disease. This deficiency was cited in the 2002 and 2005 surveys. ISAC Corporation believes this may indicate the existence of a potentially life threatening or otherwise hazardous condition for children placed in the group settings, sharing bathroom fixtures, and any other interaction of clients.

4. The program did not have client files that contained a disclosure of information that included the full statement regarding the prohibition of disclosure. This deficiency was cited in 2002 and 2005 surveys. This would indicate that client files may be made available in whole or in part to unauthorized parties.
  
5. The program did not have client records that contained an assessment that included current OTC use, sexual history, strengths and weaknesses. This deficiency was cited in 2005, however, a similar deficiency was cited in 2002. ISAC Corporation believes this indicates that Kids Helping Kids does not perform assessments.

## CONCLUSION

ISAC Corporation hereby requests a comprehensive investigation, by ODADAS into the operation of Kids Helping Kids. Based on our research and evidence, ISAC Corporation considers this complaint as a living document which may be amended as necessary. Conditions exist at Kids Helping Kids that indicate to ISAC Corporation that this treatment program uses nearly identical methods as were used by STRAIGHT, INC. These similarities include the program's physical address, its treatment modality, jargon, rules, policies, resource materials, and other areas documented on our website, former client statements, records and in our files.

Children deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

Please send a copy of your findings to our office.

ISAC Corporation  
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**Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
**Trey Grayson**  
**Secretary of State**

**Certificate of Administrative Dissolution**

I, Trey Grayson, Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby certify that according to the records in the Office of the Secretary of State,

**TRI-STATE DRUG REHABILITATION AND COUNSELING  
PROGRAM, INC.**

incorporated in Kentucky on February 6, 1980, but has not filed an annual report since June 23, 2000. Accordingly, the corporation was administratively dissolved on November 1, 2001.

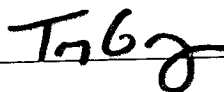
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of January, 2005.

Certificate Number: 9876

Jurisdiction: william earnshaw, sr

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Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State  
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