

DRUG CENTER CITED FOR UNREPORTED ALLEGATION

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Virginia officials cited a private Fairfax County drug treatment center for failing to report allegations of a 13-year-old boy being sexually abused by another patient, state documents show.

{REST} The citation is one of at least 45 violations the state has found at Straight Inc. in recent years. The residential program for teenagers also has been the target of lawsuits locally and nationally.

Violations cited since 1985 include allowing strip searches of youths in front of their peers, punishing patients by withholding food and depriving youths of education in the early days of treatment, according to the state records.

Straight spokeswoman Joy C. Margolis said program officials notified the county as soon as they heard of the alleged abuse last December.

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