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State closes anti-drug abuse program

RICHMOND (AP)—A Fairfax County drug abuse program for teen-agers must close within 10 days because it neglected to comply with a number of regulations, state officials said.

The state's licensing regulations give officials of Springfield-based Straight Inc. of Greater Washington the option to appeal the ruling and ask for a hearing.

Because of the right to appeal, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services did not reveal details of the licensing violations it said it found.

According to state records, however, Straight was cited for failing to notify county officials of allegations that a 13-year-old boy in the program had been sexually abused by an older client.

State officials also found that Straight allowed a 19-year-old client to stay in the private, non-profit program after he had been accused of sexually abusing two other clients in earlier incidents.

The department decided not to renew the program's license after department inspectors found Straight did not comply with various regulations and a 1990 consent agreement.