

Straight program in Cincinnati closes Series: sunrise digest

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CINCINNATI - The Straight Inc. teen drug rehabilitation program here has closed. The organization, based in St. Petersburg, is also being sued by Cincinnati-area individuals and corporations for \$1.5-million contributed to Straight Inc. in 1982. The class-action suit claims the donations were made with the understanding that Straight would start and maintain a program in the Cincinnati area. Straight spokeswoman Linda Hedden said competing programs and declining enrollment led to the phasing out of the Cincinnati-area operation. Straight's rehabilitative methods, including isolating patients from their families and scrutinizing the friends and associates of family members, have become increasingly controversial.

1st-grader to get testing

LAKELAND - School officials now say a first-grader didn't demand sexual favors from girl classmates, but did shout sexual innuendos and wave around a .38-caliber revolver. And for that, Polk school superintendent John A. Stewart said Wednesday, he'll receive psychological testing. The 7-year-old boy, who told investigators he brought the handgun from home, was suspended immediately after the Sept. 12 incident. The gun apparently was pulled twice, once after a gym class and again after school as a group of children was walking home.

Correction

Charrise Williams is a 17-year-old senior at Temple Heights Christian School. Her name was misspelled in a story Wednesday.

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