

To: YWCA Billings Gateway Program

From: Alternatives, Inc.

RE: Emotional Support Services for Sexual Abuse Victims

Date: December 2, 2015

Memorandum of Understanding

Alternatives, Inc.'s mission is to promote public safety and challenge offenders to become responsible, productive citizens through firm, fair, consistent supervision, treatment, and education.

As part of this mission, Alternatives, Inc. provides housing, food service, treatment, and security for approximately 185 female clients (Passages, 1001 South 27th St.) and 210 male clients (Alpha House, 3109 1st Ave. North).

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) requires Alternatives, Inc. to be in compliance with Federal standards. Standard 115.253 (resident access to outside confidential support services) requires Alternatives, Inc. to provide residents with access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse.

In the event a resident(s) is sexually abused, Alternatives, Inc. seeks to make available access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse.

1. Scope of Assistance:

A. YWCA Billings Gateway Program:

- a. Provide emotional support related to sexual abuse for both Alpha House and Passages residents via the 24-hour help line.
- b. Victim advocates are not required to report back to Alternatives, Inc. unless the resident gives permission to do so.
- c. If the resident gives permission to contact Alternatives, call 406-294-9609 and ask for the PREA Coordinator.

B. Alternatives, Inc.:

- a. Residents are given the telephone number to the Gateway's 24-hour help line (245-4472) to receive emotional support from a victim advocate. It is posted in resident hallways and in the resident handbook.
- b. Residents are informed their communication with YWCA Gateway will not be monitored and remain confidential.

2. Time Frame

- A. The company/agency is available to assist Alternatives, Inc. on a twenty-four (24) hour a day, seven (7) day a week basis unless prior scheduled events have been made.

3. Monetary

The company/agency and Alternative's Inc. agree to the following:

No parties to this agreement shall be under any obligation to reimburse the other parties for any costs.

OR

Monetary agreement as follows:

N/A

Contact Information: Any changes to this agreement are to be made by contacting:

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YWCA Billings

Alternatives, Inc.

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