

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 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:

- i. Provide emotional support related to sexual abuse for both Alpha House and Passages residents via the 24-hour help line.
- ii. Victim advocates are not required to report back to Alternatives, Inc. unless the resident gives permission to do so.
- iii. If the resident gives permission to contact Alternatives, Inc. call Rick Alan Deady, PREA Coordinator at 406-294-9609 ext. 300 (if after normal work hours, please leave a detailed message).

b. Alternatives, Inc.:

- i. Residents are provided 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, common areas and in the residential handbook
- ii. Residents are informed their communication with YWCA gateway will not be monitored and remain confidential.
- iii. If a Case Manager is working with a client, and the client discloses a sexual abuse or is asking for additional counseling or support services due to a past sexual abuse or assault, the Case Manager will offer the resident the opportunity to contact the YWCA Gateway program and may facilitate this by contacting the program on the resident's behalf or allowing the resident to make the call in their office.

2. Time Frame

- a. The YWCA Gateway program is available to assist Alternatives, Inc. residents on a twenty-four (24) hour a day, seven (7) day a week basis unless prior scheduled events have been made.
- b. This Memorandum of Understanding is effective on the date the last party signing the agreements and is in effect for three (3) year from that date, unless:

- i. Should either party wish to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding, the party wishing to terminate their services shall provide a thirty (30) day written notification.

3. Financial

- a. Billings YWCA Gateway Program and Alternatives, Inc agree to the following:
 - i. No parties to this agreement shall be under any obligation to reimburse the other parties for any costs;
Or
 - ii. Financial agreements are as follows:
N/A

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

Rick Alan Deady, PREA Coordinator
 1001 South 27th Street
 Billings, MT 59101
 406-294-9609 ext 300

or

David O. Armstrong, CEO
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YWCA Billings Gateway Program.

Alternatives, Inc.

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