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Disability Rights Louisiana Report to LADDC

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COMMUNITY LIVING OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM (CLOP)

In this program, trained advocates, known as ombudsmen, advocate for the people with developmental disabilities who live in the over 500 state-licensed, privately-run group homes across the state to ensure their rights are protected and they are free from abuse or neglect.

CLOP staff met with OCDD staff regarding SUN screenings for group home residents seeking Waiver placement. There were concerns that ICF/DD residents were not being found eligible for Waivers due to issues with the SUN Screenings. OCDD assured that they were working to correct that and that they are rescreening individuals on the DD Waiver waiting list who are in facilities. CLOP provided several residents' names to be rescreened, and their cases were prioritized.

Between June 1 and October 1, 2022, the CLOP Ombudsmen filed 10 complaints with LDH's Health Standards Section, who are in charge of licensing and compliance, about the conditions in these facilities. These complaints included the following reports and observations regarding the ICFs/DD during this period:

- 2 sudden/questionable deaths of residents
- 1 allegation of severe understaffing
- 11 allegations of neglect of resident health

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- 1 allegation of lack of access to medical care
- 2 allegations of improper behavior planning
- 3 allegations of unsafe building conditions
- 1 allegation of financial concerns or misuse
- 1 allegation of physical assault by another resident
- 1 allegation of physical assault by staff
- 1 allegation of neglectful evacuation conditions