

Division of Health Service Regulation

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION		(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:  <b>MHL080-235</b>	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING: _____  B. WING: _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED  <b>10/23/2024</b>
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER  <b>STEPPING STONE AT FULTON</b>		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE <b>612 NORTH FULTON STREET SALISBURY, NC 28144</b>		
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V 000	<b>INITIAL COMMENTS</b>  An annual survey was completed on 10/23/24. A deficiency was cited.  This facility is licensed for the following service category: 10A NCAC 27G .1700 Residential Treatment for Children or Adolescents.  This facility is licensed for 3 and has a current census of 3. The survey sample consisted of audits of 3 current clients.	V 000		
V 503	<b>27D .0103 Client Rights - Search And Seizure Policy</b>  10A NCAC 27D .0103 SEARCH AND SEIZURE POLICY (a) Each client shall be free from unwarranted invasion of privacy. (b) The governing body shall develop and implement policy that specifies the conditions under which searches of the client or his living area may occur, and if permitted, the procedures for seizure of the client's belongings, or property in the possession of the client. (c) Every search or seizure shall be documented. Documentation shall include: (1) scope of search; (2) reason for search; (3) procedures followed in the search; (4) a description of any property seized; and (5) an account of the disposition of seized property.  This Rule is not met as evidenced by: An annual survey was completed on 10/23/24. A deficiency was cited. This facility is licensed for the following service	V 503	<i>All searches has stopped. Searches will resume after guardians has signed and gave permission.</i>	

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LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

*Therese Fabner*, Owner

TITLE

(X6) DATE

*11/19/24*

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V 503	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>category: 10A NCAC 27G .1700 Residential Treatment for Children or Adolescents.</p> <p>This facility is licensed for 3 and has a current census of 3. The survey sample consisted of audits of 3 current clients.</p> <p>Based on observations, record review and interviews, the staff failed to implement the facility's policy on searches and seizure of belongings, or property in the possession of 2 of 3 clients (#2, #3). The facility staff also failed to maintain documentation of all searches or seizures. The findings are:</p> <p>Observation at approximately 3:13pm on 10/21/24 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Clients #2 and #3 returned to the facility after school, handed their book bags over to staff #3 who searched the book bag.</li> <li>-Clients #2 and #3 stood in front of staff #3 and received a "pat down" of the legs and ankles for search on contraband from school.</li> <li>-No contraband was found.</li> </ul> <p>Attempt review on 10/23/24 of the facility's search and seizures documentation revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-No documentation of search and seizures.</li> </ul> <p>Interview on 10/21/24 with client #2 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-"It's fine (searching of book bags) because I never bring anything and I never will."</li> <li>-His book bag had gotten searched everyday since school started in late August of 2024.</li> </ul> <p>Interview and observation on 10/21/24 with client #3 revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-He had been searched as soon as he returned to the facility from school daily since school started in late August of 2024.</li> <li>-He had no thoughts, he shrugged his shoulders when asked about search and seizure at the</li> </ul>	V 503			

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V 503	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>facility.</p> <p>Interview on 10/22/24 with the Associate Professional revealed:</p> <p>- "They (clients) come in we do a routine search for contraband ....search the book bags, 'pat down' around the ankles and they pull the pockets out."</p> <p>- "No paperwork is completed after the search of the book bags or person."</p> <p>Interview on 10/22/24 with the Qualified Professional revealed:</p> <p>- The facility had staff to searched book bags, and do completed a "pat down" to make sure no contraband was brought into the facility.</p> <p>- "No hesitation from clients, they know that's one of the things we do."</p> <p>- "No formal documentation is completed," of the searches and seizures that were completed.</p>	V 503			