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I. BACKGROUND:

Individuals and families served by Vanderheyden may have substance abuse issues. The substances may include alcohol, drugs such as cocaine, and marijuana and prescription medications abused to attain euphoric or analgesic effects. Substance abuse is a significant physical and mental health hazard, which can impede or even negate other treatment interventions. Prevention and treatment of substance abuse are critical.

II. POLICY


Vanderheyden will assess all individuals at intake and throughout their placement for substance abuse problems and arrange for specialized services as necessary.

III. PROCEDURES

1. At the time of intake, an assessment will be conducted by a clinical staff to evaluate substance abuse history and current presenting problems.
2. If required, an individual will be matched to an appropriate program based on the above history, etc.
3. Inpatient treatment or medically supervised detoxification may be indicated prior to admission.
4. Based on an individual's profile and needs, more specialized services may be required.
5. If upon admission or while under Vanderheyden's care, an individual is seen to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, Health Services will be notified immediately. An assessment will be made by agency RN. The RN will utilize the checklist for possible substance abuse. Vanderheyden's Medical Director or agency psychiatrist may be consulted based on assessment.
6. In the event of severe perceived risk (e.g. potential for acute alcohol toxicity); the individual will be transported to a local hospital emergency room for further services.

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7. Based upon the hospital's evaluation, further treatment (e.g. detoxification, inpatient treatment) may be indicate d. The treatment plan will be modified accordingly.
8. Throughout an individual's stay with the agency, the clinician assigned will routinely assess for the presence of substance abuse problems with the individual and family.

IV. FORMS USED

Checklist for Possible Substance Abuse



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Date