

Lice Prevention and Treatment Policy – The Drake House Youth Programs

Purpose

To ensure the health and safety of all participants in our youth programs, we have established the following policy regarding lice prevention and management.

Policy Statement

All students in our youth programs must be lice and nit-free. This policy helps prevent the spread of lice and ensures a comfortable safe and healthy environment for all participants.

Routine Screenings

To support early detection and prevent the spread of lice, The Drake House will conduct routine lice screenings. These screenings are part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a healthy environment for all youth.

Disclaimer: Routine lice screenings will be conducted once a month.

Procedures

Screening Upon Arrival

- Upon notification, all students arriving at the youth spaces will undergo a lice screening. This screening will include an examination of the scalp and hair for the presence of live lice and nits.

Attendance Requirements

- If a student is found to have nits or live lice during the screening, they will be required to go home immediately. Parents or guardians will be notified to arrange for treatment.

Return to Program

- Students may return to the program only after they have been treated and are confirmed to be nit-free. Re-screening will be required upon return.

Education and Family Support

- The Drake House is committed to supporting families through education and access to necessary resources related to lice prevention and treatment. Educational materials will be provided to parents and guardians, covering

topics such as lice prevention strategies, effective treatment options, and instructions on how to regularly check for lice and nits.

- In addition, The Drake House will offer resources for lice removal services. and will cover the cost of a certified lice removal service as needed to ensure the well-being of all families.

Resources

- [What Are Lice?](#)
- [How to Treat Lice](#)

Communication

This policy will be communicated to all parents and guardians through our program handbooks, meetings, and newsletters/monthly calendars. As needed*

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Director of Youth Programs to ensure its effectiveness and to make any necessary updates.

Contact Information

For questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact Director of Youth Programs, kbarry@thedrakehouse.org.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all students at The Drake House.