

## NH Bureau Of Developmental Services Designated Receiving Facility

- State operated six-bed residential treatment facility; established in February 1994
- Designed to serve individuals with intellectual disabilities who:
  - Have committed or
  - Are deemed to be at risk of committing sexual offenses
- Provides intensive treatment within a secure setting
  - Secure setting is needed due to high risk level presented (aggression and/or re-offending; flight)
- Clients receive sex offender specific treatment and are under careful supervision both in the program and community
- Primary goals of the program are to:
  - Protect society by preventing further victimization of community members
  - Provide treatment and supervision to clients with problematic sexual behaviors
- The majority of the individuals are admitted to the DRF via civil commitments through:
  - RSA 171-B – provides involuntary commitment for individuals with intellectual disability, or
  - RSA 135-C – provides involuntary commitment for individuals with mental illness
- Involuntary commitment means that the individual has been found legally incompetent to stand trial
  - Is therefore ineligible for placement in prison
- A small number of individuals are admitted as part of their sentencing by the courts
  - Few have entered the program during their probation period
- Some individuals are admitted voluntarily by guardian as approved by the probate courts
- Seeks to address issues of:
  - Sexually deviant and abusive behaviors
  - Impulse control, anger management, and moral development
  - Learning of general life-skills
- The treatment is intended to help the clients develop and use self-regulatory skills in the program and community
  - Some individuals come from dysfunctional environments and have been “out of control”
- If the severity and frequency of aggression are high the individual may be temporarily transferred to the Secure Psychiatric Unit (SPU) to bring his behaviors under control
  - The client is typically returned back to the DRF when his behaviors are stabilized
- The average stay at the DRF is about two to three years
- Once the client finishes the DRF program, he transfers to a community-based program.
- There is high staff to client ratio:
  - During treatment periods there is 4 to 6 ratio
- DRF has a number of security features:
  - Perimeter fence around the outside yard area with sally port access to the DRF
  - Locked exterior doors
  - Alarmed windows