

## AEDY November 21, 2019

#### Pattan's Mission

The mission of the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (Pattan) is to support the efforts and initiatives of the Bureau of Special Education, and to build the capacity of local educational agencies to serve students who receive special education services.

# What is AEDY?

"AEDY Program" refers to an individual program site approved by PDE to provide a temporary placement for students who meet the definition of a "disruptive student" under 24 P.S. § 19-1901-C (5). AEDY Programs include approved programs operated by LEAs, a combination of LEAs, or private providers.

#### 24 P.S. § 19-1901-C (5)

"Disruptive student." A student who poses a clear threat to the safety and welfare of other students or the school staff, who creates an unsafe school environment or whose behavior materially interferes with the learning of other students or disrupts the overall educational process.

## Reasons for Placement in an AEDY

- The disruptive student exhibits to a marked degree any or all of the following conditions:
- Disregard for school authority, including persistent violation of school policy and rules.
- Display of or use of controlled substances on school property or during schoolaffiliated activities; a controlled substance is a drug or other substance.
- Violent or threatening behavior on school property or during school-related activities.
- Possession of a weapon on school property, as defined by PA Crimes Code (18 Pa CSA 912 relating to possession of weapon on school property).
- Commission of a criminal act on school property.
- Misconduct that would merit suspension or expulsion under school policy.

Policies and practices regarding AEDY Programs have led to violations of federal law by Local Educational Agencies ("LEAs")

Ensuring Non-Discriminatory AEDY Referrals/Placements, Equal Opportunities, and Timely Exiting

\*Nondiscriminatory

\*LEAs must not refer to AEDY Programs, and AEDY Programs must not accept, students with disabilities due to behavior caused by their disability, with the exception of the circumstances listed in 34 C.F.R. § 300.530(g)

\*45-Day Presumptive Reviews

**Complaint Process** 

\*Local complaint process \*PDE complaint process \* Translation \*Access

English Learner Services in AEDY Programs

\*Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974

\*Process for approving AEDY Programs, oversight, monitoring, and site visits

Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting \*AEDY Program Application approval \*Monitoring \*Site visits \*Action plans \*Semi-annual reporting through May 2022

Qualifications, Training and Professional Development

\*Certifications qualified personnel \*hold ESL Teaching Credentials \*hold credentials required by Pennsylvania law to instruct and provide services to students with disabilities

\*Training

\* prohibition of discrimination on the basis of disability in school discipline \*MTSS- Positive Behavior Support \*EL

Parent, Student and Community Engagement and Input

\*develop and deliver information students and Parents understanding their rights in the AEDY process

\*communicate in a language that is accessible

\*accessible to Parents and students with disabilities

Monitoring, Site Visits and **Program Action Plans** \*Once within 3 years \*Team onsite \*Program Application \*All special education and EL records reviewed \*Corrective action inclusive of training plans

#### Keep in Mind

Special Education Procedures

"Temporary Placement" Manifestation Determination FBA PBSP IEP Team Meeting 45-day review Transition Plan

#### Application

#### Complaint Process

Areas of Focus

\*Local and PDE \*Accessible to families \*Timely resolve \*Does not limit any other rights or remedies under federal and state law

## Application

EL

Assigning a Teacher: "HERE" Adding Behavioral Training LEA Plan Provider implementing Plan

## Application

\*Validation, Select program and 'Submit'

\*Initial review of application

\*Extending provisional status of the application

\*Good faith effort to further support with guidance and training in the areas of Special Education, EL, positive Behavior Support and the local complaint process. LEA

## Referral

In Process \*Demographic information-PA Secure ID Entering information Incorrect information 504 EL \* Criteria \*Behaviors and Interventions \*Informal Hearing \*Manifestation \*Validating to submit

#### Referral

## Provider

In Placement

\*Provider indicates expulsion
\*Provider must accept referral
\*Entering 45-day
\*5 day meeting
\*PBSP and Data Collection

Referral Process Beginning in placement \*45 Day Presumptive Exit Date \*Meet and Document \*Exiting Students sooner \*Remain in AEDY or Transition to IFA \*LEA Accepts Student Returning to General Education

#### Referral Process

\*Rosters must be up to date \*Verify demographic information \*EL require teacher \*If not 'in process', deactivate \*Accept the referral=45 day \*Inactive in placement = exited \*When in doubt, ask. \*Here to support

Referral Process

#### Transition to LEA

\*Positive behavior support= meeting individual behavioral goals

\*Personalize the transition to the successes of the Student

\* Goal=General Education

#### Reporting Required

Programs must report to PDE every semester data regarding all students with a disability who have remained beyond their Presumptive Exit Dates, including the reasons why the students have remained and the newly established Presumptive Exit Dates.

#### Upcoming Training

Pattan Harrisburg Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA) -November 25-26

#### Pattan Pittsburgh FBAs- December 3-4

Pattan East FBA's- November 20, December 3

OBS Safety Care Train the Trainer- March 10-12, 2020, Core Curriculum 3/13/20-Advance Skills

Save the Date: AEDY Conference, Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

#### PDE AEDY Team



**Bureau of Special Education** Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network

#### **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

Tom Wolf, Governor