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MEMORANDUM

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To: All Children's Division and Contracted Case Management Staff
From: Residential Program Unit
Date: June 10, 2024
Subject: KVC Meramec Adventure Learning Ranch

This is to inform all Children's Division and Contracted Case Management staff KVC will begin incorporating the Meramec Adventure Learning Ranch (MALR) camp as part of their residential treatment services. MALR was previously offered under the ownership of Great Circle, but was discontinued.

MALR camp services will be provided to children in residential placements who are in the custody of the Children's Division and meet KVC's requirements to participate. While attending MALR, children will be provided adventure-based activities such as low and high challenge courses, zip lines, team development courses, aquatic adventure activities, rock climbing, white water kayaking, mountain bike trails and primitive skills activities.

The duration of the MALR camp for children in residential care will vary from one (1) day up to five (5) overnight stays per month. If a child is going to stay overnight, KVC will notify the child's Case Manager in writing via email at least 72 hours prior to the stay. Children's Division and Contracted Case Management Staff must consent to the stay in writing and update FACES to reflect MALR.

In addition to providing this camp opportunity to children in residential care, KVC will also have a five (5) consecutive day sibling camp at MALR. The sibling camp has a maximum capacity of up to a total of forty (40) referred children during a specific period. This camp experience will be available to children in which at least one (1) of the siblings is in the custody of the Children's Division is placed in residential care and meet KVC's requirements to participate. The other sibling(s) that will be attending the camp do not have to be in the custody of the Children's Division, but will still need to meet KVC requirements. During this week siblings will have the opportunity to participate in the same activities as other camp attendees.

Case Managers must update the Temporary Placement Screen in FACES to reflect the date(s) spent at the camp. After the youth leaves the camp, the Case Manager must close the temporary placement in FACES.

Address: Meramec Adventure Ranch
1203 Meramec Wilderness Ln.
Steelville, MO 65565
County: Crawford County
Phone Number: (573) 775-5513

To learn more about MALR visit [Meramec Adventure Ranch - KVC Missouri](#).

If you have questions regarding this practice alert, you may contact Sara Smith, Residential Services Director, at Sara.E.Smith@dss.mo.gov.

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