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**TOTAL COMPLIANCE DEADLINE PASSES IN CARE PROVISIONS
 FOR SEVERAL STATE SUPPORTED LIVING CENTERS WITH NONE MAKING THE GRADE**

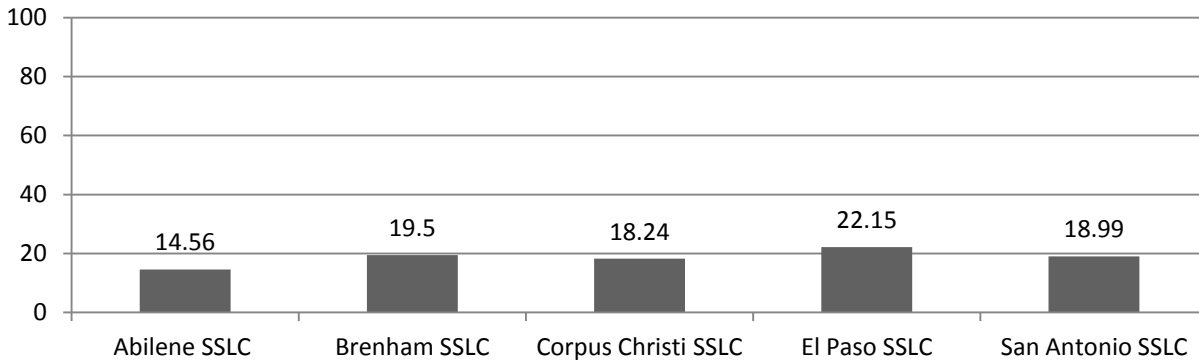
*Latest Reports for Five SSLC's Continue to Indicate
 Minimal Compliance in All Basic Health and Safety Provisions*

Austin, TX – The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) has released the latest U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) monitoring reports for the State Supported Living Centers (SSLC) in Abilene, Brenham, Corpus Christi, El Paso, and San Antonio, all which indicate people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in these facilities remain at high risk for abuse and neglect due to the facility's continued noncompliance on basic health and safety provisions.

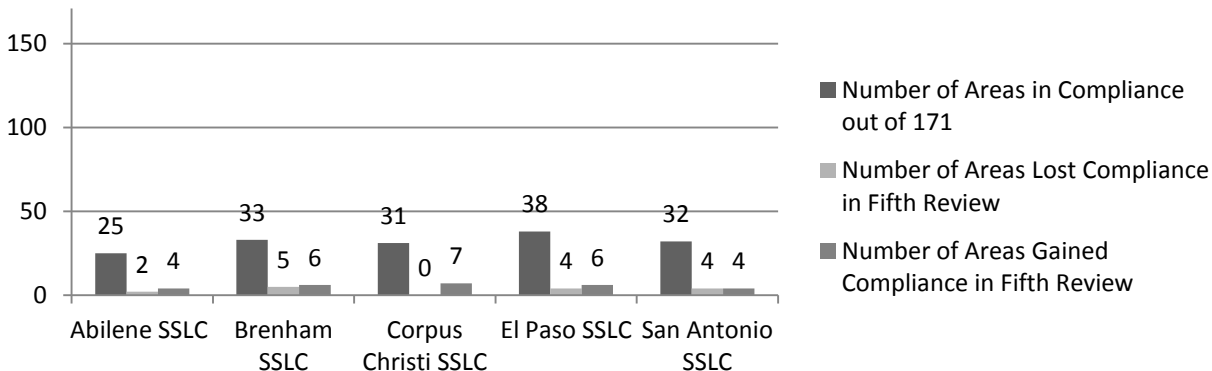
The deadline for 100 percent compliance in all monitoring provisions, but for two which relate only to records for these SSLC's, was June 26, 2012. None of the facilities came close to achieving total compliance in these areas as of that date. In fact, each of these SSLC's is currently at 25 percent or less compliance.

Total compliance percentages and areas of lost/gained compliance for the five SSLC's are as follows:

Percentage in Compliance with Settlement Agreement



Number of Areas in Compliance



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Abilene SSLC

Overall compliance fell from 14.79 to 14.56 percent (compliance in 25 out of 171 areas)
Lost compliance in 2 areas, gained compliance in 4 areas

Brenham SSLC

Overall compliance rose from 18.98 to 19.5 percent (compliance in 33 out of 171 areas)
Lost compliance in 5 areas, gained compliance in 6 areas

Corpus Christi SSLC

Overall compliance rose from 15.6 to 18.24 percent (compliance in 31 out of 171 areas)
Gained compliance in 7 areas

EI Paso SSLC

Overall compliance fell from 23.02 to 22.15 percent (compliance in 38 out of 171 areas)
Lost compliance in 4 areas, gained compliance in 6 areas

San Antonio SSLC

Overall compliance fell from 19.71 to 18.99 percent (compliance in 32 out of 171 areas)
Lost compliance in 4 areas, gained compliance in 4 areas

“These latest monitoring reports underline the fact that the SSLCs are continuing to fail to meet the most basic health and safety needs of residents and that facilities are regressing rather than progressing in their ability to provide care and treatment,” said Beth Mitchell, supervising attorney for Disability Rights Texas, the federally designated legal protection and advocacy agency for Texans with disabilities.

“And now, as the deadline for 100 percent compliance has passed, all facilities are still significantly behind where they should be in improving the protections, supports, and services they provide to individuals under their care,” Mitchell added.

Visit <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/monitors/reports/index.html> to view the latest DOJ monitoring reports for SSLCs in Texas.

For additional information on how all the state supported living centers are performing, visit the Disability Rights Texas onsite Press Room at www.disabilityrightstx.org/who-we-are/press-room/.

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