The Brien Center for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Inc. ("Brien") is providing notice of an event involving the potential unauthorized access to and acquisition of certain data within Brien's systems. Although we have received no indication of any actual or attempted identity theft or fraud as a result of this event, this notice provides information about the event, our response, and resources available to potentially impacted individuals to help protect their information, should they feel it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened? On May 21, 2025, Brien became aware of suspicious activity in our network in which an unauthorized third party gained access to certain systems in our network. Upon becoming aware of this event, Brien promptly launched an investigation, with the assistance of third-party cybersecurity specialists, to determine the nature and scope of the event. The investigation is ongoing and so far, has determined that there may have been unauthorized access to certain Brien's systems between May 19, 2025 and May 21, 2025 that may have resulted in the unauthorized access and acquisition of certain data. We determined that this data could include certain information related to you

What Information Was Involved? The investigation determined that the information involved in this event may include your name, date of birth, address, phone number, email address, client ID, dates and times of recent visits, and clinical diagnostic information.

What We Are Doing. The confidentiality, privacy, and security of information in our care are among our highest priorities. Upon becoming aware of the event, we moved quickly to investigate and respond, assess the security of our systems, and notify potentially affected individuals. We are notifying potentially affected individuals, including you, so that you may take further steps to best protect your information, should you feel it is necessary to do so. We regret any inconvenience or concern this event may cause.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Further, please review the enclosed "Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Personal Information" section of this letter for additional information.

**For More Information.** We understand that you may have questions about this event that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call the dedicated assistance line at 855-361-0340, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Eastern Time, excluding major U.S. holidays. Again, we take the privacy and security of information in our care very seriously and sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this event may cause you.

## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

## **Monitor Your Accounts**

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order a free credit report, visit <a href="www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in a consumer's name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Addresses for the prior two to five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, etc.); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if they are a victim of identity theft.

Should consumers wish to place a credit freeze or fraud alert, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-		https://www.transunion.com/data-
report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	<u>breach-help</u>
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-833-799-5355
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box	TransUnion, P.O. Box 2000,
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	9554, Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O.	TransUnion, P.O. Box 160,
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094

## **Additional Information**

Consumers may further educate themselves regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps they can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or their state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; <a href="www.identitytheft.gov">www.identitytheft.gov</a>; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the relevant state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

*For New York residents*, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or https://ag.ny.gov.