



# Press Information

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## Inadequate Actions taken on Silver Lake Facility since Media attention

**Providence:** Alliance for Safe Communities executive director, Carolyn Medeiros reacted to the Providence Journal article of October 4th, entitled "Silver Lake residents uneasy about prison transition program" by Alicia Pina. It detailed shortcomings of the Open Doors development on Plainfield Street, in the heart of the neighborhood.

Non-profit Open Doors open since the start of August 2011 attempted to assure residents back in October, 2010, it would see to the safety of the neighborhood. For many residents the addition of two small surveillance cameras overseeing staff and clientele parking was not the answer to their safety concerns.

Considering most of Open Doors' clientele use public transportation to the facility, the need for surveillance for community members would have been cameras positioned in front of the building focused on Plainfield Street. Carolyn Medeiros also indicated that common sense would dictate surveillance cameras covering the perimeter of the back of the building beyond its enclosed parking area as well.

The Alliance for Safe Communities is concerned that the 4' aesthetically pleasing fence now surrounding the Open Doors facility will never be replaced with the 6" containment fence, as originally agreed.

Apparently recent appeals from the national organization Survivor Network of those Abused by Priests, SNAAP, have also gone unheeded by Open Doors. "We as a society have been given the task to protect vulnerable children and adults by indentifying known predators who would have access to them and power over them assigned by any authority including a non-profit." Stated Medeiros.

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She concluded that Open Doors has chosen to ignore not only the requests of this organization but the larger community's concerns as well. ASC requests Open Doors conduct themselves with the alleged transparency they claim to have demonstrated in their actions thus far.

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