

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Ms. Rebecca A. McKelley
Director of Residential Services
Christian Children's Home of Ohio
P.O. Box 765
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Dear Ms. McKelley:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION DENIED

This letter is to advise you that your request with the California Department of Social Services for Out-of-State Certification cannot be granted. Upon further review, it has been determined by the Department that the following violations of personal rights, as set forth in California Licensing standards were found:

- The cottage living units' "time-out/seclusion rooms" are locked.
- Per Family Code Section 7911.1(a), certified out-of-state group homes are required to comply with reporting requirements pursuant to the California Reporting Guidelines, which requires out-of-state providers to report special incidents on each child in care regardless of whether he or she is a California placement.

Although the Out-of-State Certification Unit (OSCU) appreciates your willingness to provide care to California children, California licensing standards prohibit the use of lock door seclusion or lock perimeters for the purpose of containment or detention. Furthermore, incident reports must be reported on ALL children in placement. No waivers or exceptions could be granted for these California licensing standards.

The California OSCU would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the consideration of certification.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Olaniyan Akyeem at (916) 263-4724 or myself at (916) 263-4743.

Sincerely,

ROBERT PATE
Assistant Program Administrator
Out-of-State Certification Unit

c: Jackie Rodriguez, Manager and Deputy Compact Administrator
Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit