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November 3, 2011

Ms. Joan Gabrielson, Executive Director
Excelsior Youth Center
15001 E. Oxford Ave.
Aurora, Colorado 80014

Dear Ms. Gabrielson:

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS)

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that effective this date, Excelsior Youth Center located at; 1500 E. Oxford Ave. Aurora, Colorado, is certified as meeting California Group Home licensing standards. Certification is valid through November 2012.

California licensing standards require that all serious incidents continue to be reported to CDSS Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit for each child in care regardless of whether he or she is a California placement. Incident reporting shall include the following:

- a. Deaths
- b. Suicide attempts
- c. Suspected physical, sexual or psychological abuse
- d. Epidemic outbreaks and catastrophes
- e. Injuries and illnesses that require hospitalization or medical treatment (beyond first aid)
- f. Use of restraint (whether or not they result in an injury to a child)
- g. Any unusual incident or absence that threatens the physical or emotional health or safety of a child

Certification will continue to be reviewed annually. We will be following our Department policy which authorizes us to inspect facilities with or without appointment as necessary.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this report further, please contact me at: (916) 838-5875.

Sincerely,

OLANIYAN AKYEEM
Out-of State Program Analyst

C: Rosalind Hyde, Deputy Compact Administrator, ICPC/Out-of-State Placement & Policy Unit

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

FACILITY NAME:	EXCELSIOR YOUTH CENTER	FACILITY NUMBER:	602300013
ADMINISTRATOR:	JOAN GABRIELSON	FACILITY TYPE:	731
ADDRESS:	15001 EAST OXFORD AVENUE	TELEPHONE:	(303) 693-1550
CITY:	AURORA	STATE: CO	ZIP CODE: 80014
CAPACITY:	176	CENSUS: 130	DATE: 11/03/2011
TYPE OF VISIT:	Case Management	ANNOUNCED	TIME BEGAN: 01:00 PM
MET WITH:	Elaine Atwater, Quality Improvement Director	TIME COMPLETED:	04:45 PM

NARRATIVEPURPOSE OF VISIT:

Excelsior Youth Center (EYC) is seeking re-certification as mandated by California law. The purpose of this visit was to verify the facility's compliance with California licensing standards governing Children's residential group homes, as well as remaining in compliance with applicable laws, regulations and standards within their own state of Colorado.

CALIFORNIA PLACEMENTS AND PLACING AGENCIES:

At the time of visit, the total census for California youth was 30. EYC is currently contracted with eight (13) California county Probation and Social Services agencies ranging from northern, central and southern California. These counties are as follows: Contra Costa, Fresno, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Monterey, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Stanislaus and Yolo counties.

LOCAL STATE LICENSING / COMPLAINTS ISSUES:

The Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care conducted an annual review of EYC on June 7-21, 2010. The inspection revealed minor rule infractions mostly related to case record keeping. On August 8, 2010 a Corrective Plan of Action was provided by Excelsior to address all deficiencies.

In the last year, EYC has had 3 founded allegations by the State of Colorado and/or at the County level. The complaints were all related to medical services, administering the wrong medication.

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: Mei Yuk Kung**TELEPHONE:** (916)654-0118**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Olaniyan Akyeem**TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5875**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 11/03/2011

I acknowledge receipt of this form and understand my licensing appeal rights as explained and received.

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:**DATE:** 11/03/2011

This report must be available at Child Care and Group Home facilities for public review for 3 years.

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SACRAMENTO, CA 95814**FACILITY NAME:** EXCELSIOR YOUTH CENTER**FACILITY NUMBER:** 602300013**VISIT DATE:** 11/03/2011**NARRATIVE**

1 On 11/2/2011, contact was made with the Colorado licensing representative (supervisor), who reported that
2 although there is reason for some concern, these incidents were not considered to be major, and no harm
3 was done to the children. It was further stated, that based on his research on the census numbers conducted
4 by the University of Nebraska, Excelsior falls within the margin of error of its population and diagnosis of youth
5 in placement.
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7 The Colorado licensing supervisor reported that EYC has provided a Plan of Correction (POC), and made
8 appropriate modifications to policies / procedures surrounding medications. It is also reported that the facility
9 is currently operating at full licensing status as of this date, there is no administrative and/or legal action
10 pending against the current license at this time. (note: Excelsior is currently seeking to appeal these 3
11 findings. Motion for these appeals were filed on 9/30/2011.)
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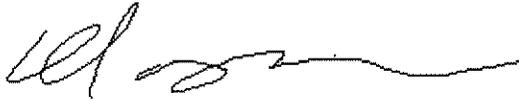
FIRE CLEARANCE:

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15 The most recent fire clearance was conducted on 9/22/11 by the Aurora Fire Department of Colorado. All
16 components related to the physical structures and equipment was inspected resulting in some minor rule
17 infractions. All violations have since been resolved.
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FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT AND PROGRAM REVIEW AND CHANGES:

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21 An inspection of the campus grounds was conducted, with special attention given to the Intervention
22 Unit (IU) and the Treatment Learning Center (TLC). There have not been any major physical plant
23 changes since last year. All furniture and equipment appeared to be adequate, functional and in
24 good repair.
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27 In the area of program changes, the "Conduct Disorder Unit " was officially closed in
28 September, 2011, due to low census numbers. As a result of its closure, all former residents
29 assigned to the unit were reassigned and placed on mainstream program units. No other changes
30 noted.
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1 CLIENT(S) SERVICES AND PERSONAL RIGHTS REVIEW:
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3 All students interviewed reported they have been informed of their personal rights. Students
4 reported that they attend school, participate in weekly groups and receive individual counseling on a
5 regular basis.
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7 Student interviews and client file reviews confirmed that student's were given the proper
8 medical/dental treatment and follow-up services both annually and on an as needed basis. No
9 issues of concern with students receiving medical services.
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11 ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLAN OF OPERATION:
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13 No changes in the last past year.
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15 SCOPE AND STATUS OF RECERTIFICATION REVIEW:
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18 ● Entrance interview with Elaine Atwater, Quality Improvement Director
19 ● Collection of updated and current licensing documents, organizational and program information material.
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21 ● Review and discussion of administrative changes, oversight and visit plan.
22 ● Sample of client files reviewed.
23 ● Sample of personnel files reviewed.
24 ● Client interviews.
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26 OUT-OF-STATE CERTIFICATION FINDINGS, VIOLATIONS AND PLAN OF CORRECTION:
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28 No deficiencies noted.
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30 CERTIFICATION DECISION: Recommend Re-certification
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