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744 P STREET, MS 8-3-54

SACRAMENTO, CA 95814



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October 08, 2014

**FOREST RIDGE YOUTH SERVICES: WALLINGFORD-  
602300063  
PO BOX 515  
ESTHERVILLE, IA 51334**

**SUBJECT: Re-Certification by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)**

**Capacity : Up to 78 female youth; age 12-17**

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that CDSS certification for the Forest Ridge - Wallingford cottages, located at 4502 and 4510 230th Steet, Wallingord, Iowa 51365 is continued through June 2015.

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 health or safety of a child

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

If you have any questions please contact me at (916) 651-0631, or Carol Lancaster, Out-of-State Certification Analyst, at (916) 838-5751.

Sincerely,

*for* MARISA LOPEZ  
Program Manager I  
Community Care Licensing  
Children's Residential Program

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

**FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT**CGLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 8-3-54  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

<b>FACILITY NAME:</b>	FOREST RIDGE YOUTH SERVICES: WALLINGFORD	<b>FACILITY NUMBER:</b>	602300063
<b>ADMINISTRATOR:</b>	JENNIFER SIEVERT	<b>FACILITY TYPE:</b>	731
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	4502 230TH STREET	<b>TELEPHONE:</b>	(712) 867-4724
<b>CITY:</b>	WALLINGFORD	<b>STATE:</b> IA	<b>ZIP CODE:</b> 51365
<b>CAPACITY:</b>	78	<b>CENSUS:</b> 52	<b>DATE:</b> 06/24/2014
<b>TYPE OF VISIT:</b>	Case Management	<b>ANNOUNCED</b>	<b>TIME BEGAN:</b> 09:40 AM
<b>MET WITH:</b>	Jennifer Sievert, Executive Director; Chad Jacobson, Group Living Director	<b>TIME COMPLETED:</b>	01:41 PM

**NARRATIVE****1** PURPOSE OF VISIT:**2****3****4****5****6****7****8****9****10****11****12****13****14****15****16****17****18****19****20****21****22****23****24****25**

As mandated by California law, this visit was performed by the undersigned analyst with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) on June 11, 2013. This annual evaluation is conducted for the purpose of recertification and to assure that the facility continues to:

- have adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care, supervision and treatment services to youth in care.
- remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations, as well as licensing laws and standards of the state the facility is located - in this case, the state Iowa.

CERTIFICATION HISTORY:

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., Forest Ridge - Wallingford was initially certified by the CDSS April 29, 2009; and has been re-certified annually since.

FACILITY INFORMATION, BACKGROUND AND PROGRAM:

Forest Ridge Youth & Family Resource Services was duly incorporated by the Iowa Secretary of State as a non-profit corporation on September 17, 2007. The Wallingford facility is comprised of four living cottages for a total of 78 beds.

- Crystal Cottage (24 beds)
- Eagle Cottage (24 beds)
- Oak Cottage (15 beds) - Not currently operating
- Anita Cottage (15 beds)

The census at the time of visit was 52. The following states had youth in placement: Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and California.

**SUPERVISOR'S NAME:** Marisa Lopez**TELEPHONE:** (916) 651-0631**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Carol Lancaster**TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5751**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 10/08/2014

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

**FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 10/08/2014

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

**FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)**CCLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 8-3-54  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814FACILITY NAME: FOREST RIDGE YOUTH SERVICES:  
WALLINGFORD

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**NARRATIVE****1 CA PLACEMENTS AND PLACING AGENCIES:**

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3 At the time of this year's visit, there were four CA foster youth in placement at the facility: Two were placed  
4 by Los Angeles County Probation; one was placed by San Bernardino County Probation; and one by  
5 Sacramento County Probation.  
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**7 IOWA LICENSING INFORMATION:**

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9 The following licenses are currently in effect:  
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11 Oak Hall

12 Capacity: 15

13 Date of Last Licensing Review: 11/5/2013 Status: Full three year license issued 10/1/2012  
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15 Eagle Cottage

16 Capacity: 24

17 Date of Last Licensing Review: 8/15/2013 Status: Three year license issued 9/1/2013 (good through  
18 9/1/2016)  
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20 Crystal Cottage

21 Capacity: 24

22 Date of Last Licensing Review: 11/5/2013 Status: Three year license issued 12/1/2012 (good through  
23 12/1/2015)  
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25 Anita Cottage

26 Capacity: 15

27 Date of Last Licensing Review: 8/15/2013 Status: Three year license issued 9/1/2013 (good through  
28 9/1/2016)  
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30 As part of the re-certification process, Iowa licensing reports issued over the last year were collected and  
31 reviewed and found to reflect the facility favorably. When each of the cottages underwent their annual  
32 inspection, no violations were cited. There was one complaint investigation in July 2013; however, no  
licensing deficiencies resulted.

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**FIRE CLEARANCE**

Inspection documentation of the Iowa State Fire Marshall reflects that the four Wallingford cottages were last inspected and deemed to be in substantial compliance with fire code standards on July 16, 2013.

**ACCREDITATIONS:**

Forest Ridge has their own school. Educational programming (including academic, vocational and physical educational curriculum) is provided at their site in Gruver, Iowa. The clients are transported to and from the site every school day. The school is under contract with the Estherville Lincoln Central Community School District.

Forest Ridge is accredited by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.) The most recent survey was performed April 16-18, 2012 and is good through March 2015.

**SCOPE OF RE-CERTIFICATION REVIEW:**

- Entrance and exit interview with Jen Sievert, Executive Director; Shawn Connelly, Assistant Director; and
- Collection of current organizational and program information.
- Walking tour of the facility -- inside and out.
- Verification that Handle with Care Trainer certifications are up to date.
- Two staff files reviewed.
- Two client files reviewed.

**FINDINGS, COMMENTS, PLAN OF CORRECTION:**

FRYS appears to offer female youth a good opportunity to change the course of their lives through the female responsive programming offered. Facility appears to be in substantial compliance with licensing rules of Iowa and California. No deficiencies cited. Re-certify through June 2015.

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**FACILITY NAME:** FOREST RIDGE YOUTH SERVICES:  
ELLINWOOD

**FACILITY NUMBER:** 602300073

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