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June 21, 2009

Mr. Rick Losasso, President and CEO
George Junior Republic
P.O. Box 1058
Grove City, PA. 16127

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

Dear Mr: Losasso

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that George Junior Republic Out-of-State Certification by California Department of Social Services is continued through June 2010.

Certification will be reviewed annually. The Out-of-State Certification Unit (OSCU) will be honoring the Department's policy of having inspection authority to make visits with or without appointment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me, Olaniyan Akyeem at (916) 838-5875

Sincerely,

OLANIYAN AKYEEM

Out-of-State Certification Analyst

c: Rosalind Hyde, Manager and Deputy Compact Administrator, Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

FACILITY NAME: GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLICAN IN PENNSYLVANIA	FACILITY NUMBER: 602300028
ADMINISTRATOR: LASASSO, RICK	FACILITY TYPE: 731
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 1058	TELEPHONE: (724) 458-9330
CITY: GROVE CITY	STATE: PA
CAPACITY: 470	ZIP CODE: 16127
TYPE OF VISIT: Case Management	CENSUS: UNANNOUNCED
MET WITH: Andrea Donatucci, Director of Admissions	DATE: 06/18/2009
	TIME BEGAN: 11:30 AM
	TIME COMPLETED: 04:30 PM

NARRATIVE

1 PURPOSE OF VISIT
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3 George Junior Republic (GJR) is seeking re-certification with the State of California, Department of Social
4 Services, Community Care Licensing Division, Out-of-State Certification Unit. The purpose of this visit is to
5 verify the facility is in compliance with California Group Home Licensing Standards in order to become
6 re-certified.
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8 CALIFORNIA PLACING AGENCIES:
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10 San Francisco County is the only California agency contracted for services with GJR at this time. During the
11 time of visit, there were a total of two (2) California youth in placement.
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13 FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT AND PROGRAM REVIEW CHANGES:
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15 A tour of the GJR campus was conducted which included visits to the new Intensive Treatment Program. All
16 buildings, grounds, and homes furniture, fixtures and equipment appeared to be safe, clean and in good
17 repair. No issues of concern.
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19 The most recent fire inspection was conducted by the Pine Township Engine Company of Grove City on
20 December 16, 2008. No deficiencies were noted.
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22 Program Changes: As of July 1st 2009, GJR is planning to open doors to the new "Intensive Supervision
23 Program (ISP)" The ISP units at GJR are designed to meet the needs of high risk delinquent and dependent
24 youth who present behaviors which are dangerous to themselves or others and create a risk to the
25 community, school personnel, and each other. (See LIC 809 C continued)

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: Mei Yuk Kung

TELEPHONE: (916) 327-8763

LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME: Olaniyan Akyeem

TELEPHONE: (916) 838-5875

LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:



DATE: 06/18/2009

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

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:



DATE: 06/18/2009

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

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PENNSYLVANIA**FACILITY NUMBER:** 602300028**VISIT DATE:** 06/18/2009**NARRATIVE**

1 This unit is designed to provide the maximum supervision, accountability, and care provided in a highly
2 structured setting.
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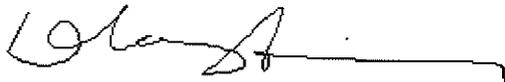
4 Youth Served: The ISP serves youth from ages 14-18. These units and program are designed to provide the
5 therapeutic milieu for youth who need the intensive level of supervision, intervention, and services to resolve
6 conflict, establish pro social values, and increase their level of impulse control.
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8 Staffing: The ISP will provide a staff ration of three child-care staff to 11 youth throughout the daylight hours
9 from (6:00a.m-10:00pm). Each unit will provide a ratio of three evening security personnel during bedtime
10 hours. The child-care staff will have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a human services field. Additional
11 staff includes a Master's level therapist for each unit. This therapist will conduct the individual therapy,
12 manage each youth's case, and provide leadership and supervision to the treatment team. The treatment
13 team including medical and psychiatrist will meet weekly to evaluate the youth's progress.
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15 Facility Design: The ISP is a double-wing facility of Intensive Supervision Units 1 and 2. Each youth will have
16 his own room to accommodate the separation of youth during the evening and sleeping hours. Each unit (1
17 and 2) will operate with a maximum capacity of 11 youth. Additionally, each unit is equipped with a time
18 delayed egress locking mechanism which will be approved both by both the Pennsylvania Fire Marshall,
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and California Licensing Departments. The delayed egress will not prevent,
20 but will delay a youth attempt exiting the building in a non-emergency situation. The units will also include
21 time-out rooms which may be voluntary and/or necessary to isolate a youth in crisis. *Note: A waiver for use
22 of time delayed locks will addressed in the Plan of Correction (POC).*
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24 LOCAL STATE LICENSING / COMPLAINT(S) ISSUES:
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26 The last licensing inspection was conducted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public
27 Welfare Office of Children, Youth and Families in January 2008. The Licensing Inspection Summary (LIS)
28 revealed a few minor areas of deficiencies that have since been corrected. On June 18, 2009, contact was
29 made to the licensing representative who reported that GJR is currently operating under full licensing status
30 and there are no pending legal issues. GJR has not had any substantiated complaints within the last year.
31 (See LIC C continued)
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NARRATIVE

1 ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLAN OF OPERATION:

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3 Administrative review revealed no issues related to intake procedures, licensing capacity, or program
4 services.

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6 SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

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8 Certification review covered the following areas: Observation and review of the new Intensive Structure
9 Program; Programming; intake and discharge procedures; discipline policy; emergency intervention
10 techniques; medical procedures and records review; facility file review; staff interviews; observation of
11 program and daily activities; criminal record review; personal rights; food services; staff trainings; emergency
12 disaster plan; fire clearance; and all issues pertaining to physical plant.

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14 OUT-OF-STATE CERTIFICATION FINDINGS, VIOLATIONS AND PLAN OF CORRECTIONS:

15 No deficiencies noted.

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18 1. Other: Plan of Operation- Please provide a waiver for the new Intensive Treatment Program unit which will
19 permit the use of delayed egress-locks. In addition, the following documents are required for use of the
20 delayed locking mechanism:

- 21 *Provide a policy on the use of "time-out" rooms for the ISP
- 22 *Provide a specific times (i.e., seconds) of the delays for all doors in the ISP
- 23 *Provide a facility sketch for the ISP with clear identifying exit routes and delayed egress doors.
- 24 *Provide a copy of approval from both the Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania (Licensing Department) and
- 25 the Pine Township Fire Department. Copy should address functions of delayed doors in case of an
- 26 emergency.
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29 Please provide the above documents for the Intensive Structure Program by July 10, 2009.

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31 CERTIFICATION DECISION:

32 Certification Approved

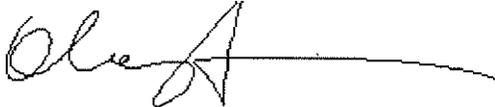
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