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November 17, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Losasso:

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, George Junior Republic located at; 233 George Junior Road, Grove City, Pennsylvania, 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 REPORTCCLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 19-50
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

FACILITY NAME:	GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLICAN IN PENNSYLVANIA	FACILITY NUMBER:	602300028
ADMINISTRATOR:	ANDREA DONATUCCI	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:	496
MET WITH:	Andrea Donatucci, Director of Admissions	ANNOUNCED	
		DATE:	11/17/2011
		TIME BEGAN:	10:00 AM
		TIME COMPLETED:	03:00 PM

NARRATIVEPURPOSE OF VISIT

George Junior Republic (GJR) 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 group homes, as well as remaining in compliance with applicable laws, regulations and standards within their own state of Pennsylvania.

CALIFORNIA PLACING AGENCIES:

At the time of visit, the overall census was 496. There are currently two California placing agencies contracted for services which are as follows; San Francisco and Sacramento Counties. During the time of visit, there were a total of twelve (12) California youth in placement, and two (2) en-route who are scheduled to be admitted today.

FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT AND PROGRAM REVIEW CHANGES:

A tour of the GJR campus was conducted, which included a pre-certification inspection of the new Intensive Supervision Unit (ISU). Special attention was given to the evaluation of the units Security Door Controls (SDC), delayed egress locking devices which is currently pending California certification approval. The program is now fully operational and has accumulated a waiting list. The high demand is high for both in-state placements as well as for California youth.

The ISU building was officially licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Welfare, and approved by the Pine Township Engine Company and Building Code Official of Pennsylvania.

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

DATE: 11/17/2011

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

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:

DATE: 11/17/2011

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

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)

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VISIT DATE: 11/17/2011

NARRATIVE

1 A complete descriptive brochure and photos of the devices were provided. A "spot test" of the device was
2 also provided by unit staff. Conclusion: Inspection of the ISU revealed no concerns for purpose of California
3 certification approval. However, a waiver must be submitted by GJR and sent to the Out-of-State Certification
4 Unit for final approval. (Note: California youth will not be allowed admission to the ISU program pending
5 certification approval)
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7 Other areas included inspection of the newly constructed Educational Center / school buildings and grounds.
8 GJR is also currently in the process of renovations and building additional "specialized units" including a
9 multipurpose recreational building in the next month or so.

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11 FIRE CLEARANCE:

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13 The most recent fire inspection was conducted by the Pine Township Engine Company of Grove City on
14 November 30, 2010. All areas of deficiency have since been corrected. All buildings, grounds, furniture,
15 fixtures and equipment appeared to be safe, clean and in good repair. No issues of concern.

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17 LOCAL STATE LICENSING / COMPLAINT(S) ISSUES:

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19 During the time of this visit, contact was made to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public
20 Welfare Office of Children, Youth and Families. Spoke with licensing representative who reported that GJR is
21 in good standings and there were no pending administrative actions or issues of concern. Copies of all the
22 individual licenses on campus were provided at the time of this review. There have been no substantiated
23 complaints in the last year.
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25 ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLAN OF OPERATION:

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27 Administrative review revealed no significant issues related to intake procedures, licensing capacity, or
28 program services. However, agency has been in discussions with some California placing agencies on the
29 rate of pay required for specialized services in the ISU. (Note: This is an issue currently pending the
30 certification decision of the ISU program for services to CA youth).
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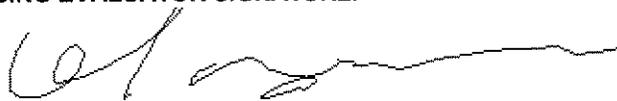
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SCOPE AND STATUS OF RECERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance interview with Jeff Morris, Vice President of Treatment and Andrea Donatucci, Director of Admissions.
- Collection of updated and current licensing documents, organizational and program information material.
- Review and discussion of administrative changes, oversight and visit plan.
- Sample of client files reviewed.
- Sample of personnel files reviewed.
- staff interviews.

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

No deficiencies noted

1. **Other: Plan of Operation** - In the event that GJR decides to include the ISU program in their California certified list of programs, the following will need to be addressed prior to final approval:

- Please provide a waiver for the new ISU which will permit the use of delayed egress-locks. In addition, the following documents are required for use of the delayed locking mechanism:
- Provide a policy on the use of "time-out" rooms for the ISU.
- Provide a specific times (i.e., seconds) of the delays for all doors in the ISU provide a facility sketch for the ISU.

CERTIFICATION DECISION:

Certification Approved

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