

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Community Care Licensing Division
Statewide Children's Residential Program
Out-of-State Certification Unit
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 ~ MS 19-50



March 14, 2008

Dave Ziegler, Ph.D., Executive Director
SCAR/Jasper Mountain
37875 Jasper-Lowell Road
Jasper, OR 97438

SUBJECT: Out-of-State Group Home Certification

Dear Mr. Ziegler:

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that effective March 6, 2008, the Jasper Mountain Center is certified as meeting California group home licensing standards. This certification is based on the application submitted to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) as well as the onsite evaluation performed by certification analyst Carol Lancaster on February 22, 2008.

California licensing standards require that all serious incidents 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
- f. first aid.)
- g. Use of restraint (whether or not they result in an injury to a child.)
- h. Any unusual incident or absence that threatens the physical or emotional health or safety of a child.

Certification will 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, please contact Carol Lancaster at (916) 838-5751; or myself at (916) 327-8763.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mee Yuk Kung".

MEE YUK KUNG, Program Manager

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

Out of State Cert, 1700 9Th Street, 2Nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

FACILITY NAME:	JASPER MOUNTAIN CENTER	FACILITY NUMBER:	602300050
ADMINISTRATOR:	DAN SILVER	FACILITY TYPE:	731
ADDRESS:	37875 JASPER LOWELL ROAD	TELEPHONE:	(541) 747-1235
CITY:	JASPER	STATE:	OR
CAPACITY:	20	ZIP CODE:	97438
TYPE OF VISIT:	<i>Initial Certification</i>	CENSUS:	ANNOUNCED
MET WITH:	Dave Ziegler; Dan Silver; Julie Williamson; Julie Engel	DATE:	02/22/2008
		TIME BEGAN:	09:00 AM
		TIME COMPLETED:	03:00 PM

NARRATIVE

1 PURPOSE OF VISIT:

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3 As mandated by California law, this initial on-site visit was performed by the undersigned analyst to assess
4 and determine if Jasper Mountain is eligible to be certified by the California Department of Social Services
5 (CDSS) through:

- 6 1. being in substantial compliance with California's Title 22 licensing regulations which apply to children's
7 group homes; as well as
- 8 2. being licensed and in good standing with the licensing laws of the State of Oregon where the facility is
9 located.

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11 REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION / APPLICATION HISTORY:

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13 In November 2007, the Out-of-State Unit (OSCU) of CDSS was contacted by placement officials with the
14 Merced County Department of Health and Human Services concerning the desire to place a dependent of
15 their Juvenile Court in residential treatment at Jasper Mountain. Thereafter, contact was made with facility
16 representatives who agreed to accept the California dependent and apply for certification as an out-of-state
17 group provider with CDSS. After receiving and reviewing the completed application, this on-site visit was
18 coordinated and arranged and occurred as planned on February 22, 2008.

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20 FACILITY / AGENCY INFORMATION:

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22 Located seven miles southeast of Springfield, Oregon on a picturesque mountainside, the Center's facilities
23 have been architecturally designed and constructed specifically with challenging children in mind. At the top
24 of the grounds, which is surrounded by 80 acres of forested land, a river and hiking trail, sits a 9000 square
25 foot Castle-like residence, whose design was inspired by the wishes of early program participants "to live in a
castle like at Disneyland." This residence, which serves as a psychiatric residential treatment program, can
serve up to 20 severely abused and disturbed young males and females ages three to twelve -- providing
intensive treatment in a highly structured and positive family setting created by the directors and therapeutic
staff.

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LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME: Carol Lancaster

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LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:

*Carol Lancaster*DATE: *3-5-2008*

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

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:

DATE:

*Dan Silver M.Ed.**3-6-08*

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23 In addition to Center, the Jasper Mountain agency also operates the following other licensed programs and
4 services:

- 5 • SAFE Program -- the name standing for Stabilization, Assessment and Family Evaluation: Located in
6 the nearby community of Springfield, Oregon, the SAFE Center is a 30-90 day residential evaluation
7 center for children (ages 3-12) who are showing signs of developing serious emotional disturbance and
8 destructive behavior patterns. Instead of being sent to a psychiatric hospital for evaluation, the children
9 live in SAFE's rural, family-like setting while they are receiving full assessment services and a plan is
10 established which will better meet their long term needs. The SAFE Center also provides 72 hour crisis
11 stays for children needing immediate stabilization.
- 12 • Jasper Mountain School: Both Jasper Mountain Center and the SAFE Center have an on-site private
13 special education school which specializes in teaching approaches for emotionally disturbed and abuse
14 children (preschool through eighth grade.)
- 15 • Day Treatment: Day treatment services are provided to children referred by Lane County school districts
16 who are not having their educational needs adequately met in the public school setting. These children
17 are integrated in the classroom with the residents of both Jasper Mountain Center and the SAFE Center.
- 18 • Treatment Foster Care: This program serves children (ages 4-12) who have specific behavioral and
19 psychological difficulties and who live with trained foster parents. The parents are recruited, trained and
20 provided support by agency staff in order to give children a successful experience in a family setting.
- 21 • The Village Program: Provides services to children under the age of 13 that are designed to be
22 individualized and responsive to the specific needs of children and families, the program striving to meet
23 such needs within their own home and community without the need to rely on facility based services.
24 The program offers in-home treatment, coaching, respite, and a variety of other responses to the needs
25 to children and families.
- 26 • Crisis Response Program: Lane County children 18 and under can access this service in a time of an
27 emotional or behavioral crisis through a 24 hour telephone crisis line. Services also include: mobile
28 crisis response, crisis respite for all ages in foster homes and treatment facilities and in-home respite.

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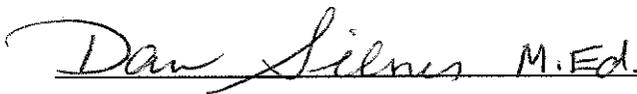
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1	<u>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION / SERVICES:</u>
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3	There are two interrelated issues that make up the focus of Jasper Mountain's Intensive Residential
4	Treatment Program: Emotional disturbance and child abuse. Children most suitable for the program are:
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male and/or female, age three to eleven, with severe emotional disturbance due to abuse who have the
6	need for special focus on sexual abuse represented by significant attitude and behavioral difficulties in
7	the home environment.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children that are unmanageable in other settings.
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who have difficulties bonding and making attachments with families.
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children whose behavior makes them unadoptable and/or who otherwise "fall through the cracks" of
11	selective treatment programs, state institutions and foster care.
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children exhibiting significant personal and social dysfunction due to emotional disturbance and
13	symptomology of child abuse victimization.
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15	The residential program does not treat the following as the primary referral problem:
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant psychotic features generally unrelated to an abuse history
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant cognitive deficiency unrelated to abuse history
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug dependency or substance abuse.
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20	The treatment modality offered is holistic and multifaceted in approach using four main interactive modalities:
21	1) Environmental Therapy; (2) Psychotherapy; (3) Behavioral Therapy; and (4) Self-Esteem Therapy. Most
22	of the needed treatment components are performed on site by Agency employees or contractors. These
23	services include but are not limited to: educational services, nursing, psychiatry, recreation, psychological
24	services, dietary services and care and supervision at a one staff to three children
25	ratio.
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27	<u>CA PLACING AGENCIES / CHILDREN IN CARE:</u>
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29	Although to date no dependents or wards of a California Juvenile Court have been placed in the facility for
30	residential care and treatment; there was one privately placed child at the facility at the time of this analyst's
31	visit who was from California. This child was adopted by American parents and brought to California at a
32	young age, having been an out-of-country adoption from the Ukraine. This analyst was additionally fortunate
	enough to have the opportunity to interview his parents who happened to be visiting him and staying at the

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facility's guest quarters. These parents, who were very open to sharing information and discussing their now latency aged son, were quite candid in relating the extensiveness of their son's mental health issues since first being adopted and their level of satisfaction with the treatment and progress made in the Jasper Mountain program.

In addition to this California child, and some of the most disturbed children in Oregon, there were several children from numerous other states in residence which included Florida, Idaho, Maryland and Washington.

LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATIONS:

The Jasper Mountain Center, the SAFE Center and the Agency's therapeutic foster homes are all included in one "Certificate of Approval to Operate a Child Caring Agency" issued January 1, 2007 by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS,) Children, Adults and Families. This certificate specifies that the Center's approved capacity is 20 children, male and female, ages three to 13. A re-licensing report issued that date by Oregon DHS licensing personnel reflects that the program was substantially compliant with applicable Oregon laws and regulations at that time. The expiration date of this certification is December 31, 2009. Certificates are renewed every two years.

The Center also has a "Certificate of Approval" issued by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Addictions and Mental Health Division, signifying that the Center is in substantial compliance with applicable Oregon Administrative Rules as a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services facility. This approval was issued November 28, 2007 and expires May 31, 2008.

Additionally, the Jasper Mountain School located on the same grounds as Jasper Center, is certified as a non-public special education school by both Oregon educational authorities as well as the California Department of Education. Certification was last approved and issued September 24, 2007 by a Special Education Consultant with California Department of Education, and is good through December 31, 2008.

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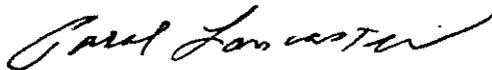
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NARRATIVE1 FIRE INSPECTION / WATER ANALYSIS:

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3 According to records provided, fire and life safety inspections were last conducted by an official with the
4 Oregon Office of State Fire Marshall on January 23, 2008. Reports of those inspections reflect, "No
5 Deficiencies Noted at Time of Inspection."
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7 Concerning water quality, a report dated December 27, 2007 by personnel with a private microbiological
8 laboratory and consulting firm in Eugene, Oregon, reflects that water samples taken from sources at the
9 Jasper Center were absent of harmful coliforms and E. coli.
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11 SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

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- 14 • Review of application and program statement submitted.
 - 15 • Verification of licensure status and history with Oregon licensing officials.
 - 16 • Entrance interview with Dan Silver, Julie Williamson and Julie Engel.
 - 17 • On-site tour and evaluation of physical plant and grounds.
 - 18 • Client record review (California child) and interview with California child's parents who were visiting.
 - 19 • Review of staff/personnel records with emphasis on background clearances and staff training.
 - 20 • Exit interview Dave Ziegler, Dan Silver and numerous other administrative or management staff.

21 FINDINGS, AREAS OF CONCERN AND/OR THOSE REQUIRING CORRECTION:

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23 Based on this analyst's review as described above, the Jasper Mountain program and facility was found to
24 meet, and in many areas exceed, California's regulations and standards as the apply to children's group home
25 care. No areas of concern were identified. It is believed the program has much to offer the targeted client
26 population and that the overall quality of care is high -- especially in terms of the facility's location and
27 environment as well as the staff and treatment resources the agency has the capability to provide.
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29 CERTIFICATION DECISION:

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31 Certify.
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