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February 9, 2009

Dave Woodward, Executive Director  
Kids Peace  
5300 Kids Peace Drive  
Orefield, PA 18069

**SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION RENEWAL - KIDSPEACE**

Dear Mr. Woodward:

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that effective the date of this letter, the following KidsPeace programs on the Orefield, Pennsylvania campus are re-certified with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) through February 9, 2010:

- KidsHope Intensive Residential Treatment (both units)
- Athletes Center Intensive Residential Treatment Program - - Zaharias, Wade and Owens houses
- Pioneer Center Specialized Sexual Disorders Treatment Program - - Lewis and Clark house
- Pioneer Center Specialized Therapeutic Program - - Thurston house
- Inventor Center Specialized Behavior Disorder Program - - Fulton House

California licensing standards require that all serious incidents continue to be reported to the 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.

I thank you and your staff for your cooperation during this year's visit. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the report further, please contact Carol Lancaster at (916) 838-5751.

Sincerely,

MEE YUK KUNG, Program Chief

Enclosure

c: CDSS-CFSD, Deputy Compact Administrator, ICPC/Out-of-State  
Placement and Policy Unit

**FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT**

<b>FACILITY NAME:</b> KIDSPACE: ORCHARD HILLS CAMPUS	<b>FACILITY NUMBER:</b> 602300048
<b>ADMINISTRATOR:</b> DAVE WOODWARD	<b>FACILITY TYPE:</b> 731
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 5300 KIDSPACE DRIVE	<b>TELEPHONE:</b> (610) 799-8800
<b>CITY:</b> OREFIELD	<b>STATE:</b> PA
<b>CAPACITY:</b> 192	<b>ZIP CODE:</b> 18069
<b>TYPE OF VISIT:</b> Case Management	<b>CENSUS:</b> 84
<b>MET WITH:</b> Sean Klutinoty, Admissions Director; Heather Terrible, Residential Admissions Supervisor	<b>DATE:</b> 01/14/2009
	<b>UNANNOUNCED</b>
	<b>TIME BEGAN:</b> 09:15 AM
	<b>TIME COMPLETED:</b> 03:45 PM

**NARRATIVE**

1 PURPOSE OF VISIT:  
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3 As mandated by California law, this visit was performed on January 13-14, 2009, by the undersigned analyst  
4 for the purpose of annual re-certification by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and to verify  
5 the facility continues to:  
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- have adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care, supervision  
7 and treatment services to youth/clients in care.
- remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations as well as  
8 remaining licensed and in good standing with the licensing authorities of the state of geographical  
9 location - - in this case, the state of Pennsylvania.

  
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12 CDSS CERTIFICATION HISTORY/PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:  
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14 KidsPeace is one of the nation's largest non-profit children's mental and behavioral health care organizations.  
15 The Orchard Hills Campus of the KidsPeace organization is located on 300+ acres in a rural and forested  
16 area within the town of Orefield, PA. Less than a mile away is the National Headquarters of the KidsPeace  
17 organization. During 2008, two on-site certification visits (January 10, 2008; and June 10, 2008 respectively)  
18 were conducted in conjunction with requests being submitted to the CDSS by California placements agencies  
19 who wished to place children under their charge in various programs KidsPeace offered on the Orchard Hills  
20 Campus. Subsequent to the KidsPeace organization submitting completed applications for certification and  
21 the two site visits, the following programs were certified:  
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23 (Note: The programs identified and evaluated for this report represent only a portion of the programs and  
24 services offered at the KidsPeace Orchard Hills Campus. Placements made by California placements  
25 representatives of county social services and probation agencies are restricted only to those certified by the  
CDSS.)

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

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:



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1 KidsHope Intensive Residential Treatment Programs (2 modules/units): The KidsHope Programs provide  
2 highly individualized, self-contained, structured 24-hour clinical, educational and psychiatric care for low  
3 functioning clients (IQ's of 50--80) with behavioral disorders, emotional disturbances and developmental  
4 delays who are dual-diagnosed with moderate to severe emotional disturbances and borderline intellectual  
5 functioning. There are two living units/modules which each have a licensed capacity of 16.  
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- The Northwest/upstairs unit serves male clients between the ages of 12-15.
- The North Central/downstairs unit serves male clients between the ages of 16-19.
- Censuses for these units at the time of visit were 11 and 10 respectively (21 total.)

  
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10 Athletes Center Intensive Residential Treatment Program (3 houses - - Zaharias, Wade and Owens): These  
11 programs feature highly individualized, self-contained, staff-secure psychiatric care for clients requiring more  
12 intensive, clinical, recreational and educational services and supervision than standard residential treatment  
13 can provide. These programs' purpose is to provide appropriate individual intervention that promotes the  
14 child's ability to function successfully in a less restrictive and less intense setting.  
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- Zaharias and Wade houses are currently serving female clients.
- Owens house is serving males.
- Each has a licensed capacity of 21: Censuses at the time of visit were 12, 10 and 12 respectively (34  
16 collectively.)

  
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20 Pioneer Center Specialized Sexual Disorders Treatment Program & Specialized Therapeutic Program:  
21 There are two houses on campus within the Pioneer Center that offer the Specialized Sexual Disorders  
22 Treatment Program (Lewis & Clark House and Crocket House.) Because Crocket House is under contract  
23 to serve Pennsylvania medical assistance clients only however, it will not be considered subject to  
24 re-certification this year. The program offered provides highly structured, staff-secure, intensive residential  
25 treatment services for male adolescents, ages 12 to 19, with sexually abusive/reactive issues. The program  
26 identifies key issues and behaviors that prevent a child from functioning appropriately in a less restrictive  
27 program. Program focus is on helping clients achieve the following goals: accept responsibility for  
28 inappropriate behaviors, identify maladaptive behavioral patterns; increase social sensitivity; develop empathy  
29 for abuse victims and learn long-term accountability and self-discipline. At the time of this year's visit, Lewis &  
30 Clark had a licensing capacity of 20 and a census of eight.  
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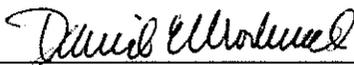
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1 The other certified program operated as part of the Pioneer Center is the Specialized Therapeutic Program  
2 (Thurston House) which offers and provides structured, staff-secure, specialized therapeutic residential  
3 treatment for male adolescents, ages 13 to 18, focusing on helping clients through specific sexual reactive  
4 behaviors, sexual abuse and other behavior related issues. Program focus is on helping clients achieve the  
5 goals necessary to live safely by providing support and knowledge while assisting their abilities to follow  
6 relapse prevention and/or treatment plans and facilitating their integration back into community settings. The  
7 Thurston House has a licensing capacity of 21; the census at the time of the visit was 8.  
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9 Inventor Center Specialized Behavior Disorder Program (SBDP)

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11 The SBDP is offered in three residential housing units -- Bell, Fulton and Edison Houses. At the time of this  
12 years visit, however, only Fulton House was operating and willing to accept California placements. (Edison  
13 House is closed due to low census; Bell House serves Pennsylvania clients only.)

14 The SBDP is a highly structured, staff-secure, reality and cognitively behaviorally based program for  
15 adolescent males and females with behavior disorder issues. The population of clients served in Fulton  
16 House are males, age 12-17, who typically have a diagnosis of a behavior disorder which impacts family or  
17 social functioning and has been characterized by repeated failed placements, chronic delinquent behavior  
18 and a history of aggressive and/or assaultive behavior toward family, staff and peer safety. The licensed  
19 capacity for Fulton House is 22; census at the time of visit 13.  
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21 CA PLACING AGENCIES / CHILDREN IN CARE:

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23 At the time of visit, one California social services dependent was in care in the Lewis and Clark House of the  
24 Pioneer Center, participating in the Specialized Sexual Disorders Treatment Program. This young man has  
25 been in this program since 4/19/2007, and will be discharged next month.  
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27 LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATIONS:

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29 KidsPeace is licensed in Pennsylvania by the:

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31 Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW)  
32 Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF) - Northeast Region  
Bureau of Child Welfare Services  
Division of Licensing

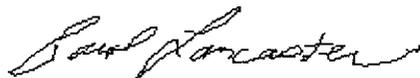
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1 As part of this re-certification visit, KidsPeace provided PA licensing reports for the last year. The reports  
2 reflect that an annual inspection was conducted by a 7-person team of representatives from both the PA  
3 OCYF and the Office of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) during the dates of February  
4 26-29, 2008. Overall, citations were relatively minimal in number and minor in nature and were confined to  
5 areas of lack of proper documentation and/or recordkeeping . The reports reviewed also reflected that the  
6 deficiencies were subsequently corrected and the corrections were found to be acceptable by the  
7 aforementioned oversight agencies. One additional licensing report concerning a complaint investigation in  
8 September 2008 was also provided. This complaint report reflected that two male residents assigned to the  
9 Crocket House (which is not certified by the CDSS at the present time) were found to have engaged in  
10 inappropriate contact while seated at a table during a recreational activity. As this contact occurred despite  
11 there being a safety plan in place which prohibited conversation and interaction between the two young men  
12 involved, staff were seen as negligent in providing proper supervision.  
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14 As of the writing of this report, this analyst is still waiting to receive current licenses/certificates of compliance  
15 from PA licensing for the KidsPeace programs. The last ones issued on December 1, 2007, had an expiration  
16 date of April 15, 2008. In an attempt to verify the organization's licensing history and status, this analyst  
17 attempted contact with OCYF through written correspondence. To date, the representative contacted has not  
18 replied.  
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20 KidsPeace is an accredited behavioral health care organization by the Joint Commission. Their most recent  
21 accreditation survey was performed August 22, 2008.  
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23 According to fire inspection records provided, a fire inspection of the KidsPeace Orchard Hills Campus was  
24 last conducted in September, 2008. In part, the letter reads . . . "The conditions affecting fire prevention  
25 were, in general, found to be very good."  
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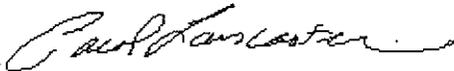
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SCOPE OF RE-CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Collection of updated and current organizational and program information and material.
- Entrance interview with Sean Klutinoty, Admissions Director.
- Tour/Physical Inspection of the programs on campus subject to CA certification.
- Assessment of emergency procedures and preparedness- - i.e., posted floorplan/diagram illustrating exit and evacuation routes; fire/smoke alarms being in working order; fire drill procedures/log.
- Sample of staff files reviewed with emphasis on staff background clearances and training records.
- Review of the CA client's file and interview with same.
- Review of emergency intervention (manual restraint) methods (Safe Crisis Management) and demonstration of same by certified staff trainers.
- Exit interview with Heather Terrible, Residential Admissions Supervisor.

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

Programs reviewed appear to be in substantial compliance with CA children's group home standards. Although it is evident that an annual licensing inspection was conducted by PA licensing authorities February 26-29, 2008 (prior to the 4/15/2008 expiration date of the last "Certificates of Compliance" issued) and a plan of correction was accepted for citations issued, current/valid certificates are needed by the CDSS in order to recertify.

CERTIFICATION DECISION:

Re-certify the following programs upon receipt of current/valid PA licenses:

- KidsHope Intensive Residential Treatment Programs (both units) - PA lic #244180
- Athletes Center Intensive Residential Treatment Program (Zaharias, Wade and Owens houses) - PA lic #244180
- Pioneer Center Specialized Sexual Disorders Treatment Program (Lewis & Clark House) - PA lic. #207020
- Pioneer Center Specialized Therapeutic Program (Thurston House) - PA lic. #207020
- Inventor Center Specialized Behavior Disorder Program (Fulton House) - PA lic #206950

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