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February 17, 2010

Susan Mullen, Executive Director  
KidsPeace  
5300 KidsPeace Drive  
Orefield, PA 18069

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

Dear Ms. Mullen:

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that effective February 8, 2010, the following programs located on KidsPeace Orchard Hills campus in Orefield, Pennsylvania are re-certified with the CDSS:

Athlete's Center - PA Lic #244180: Includes:

- Zaharias House (Intensive Residential Treatment)
- Wade House (Intensive Residential Treatment)
- Owens House (Intensive Residential Treatment)
- Connoly House (Kidshope/(Intensive Residential Treatment)

Edison House - PA Lic #207030 (Intensive Residential Treatment)

Fulton House – PA Lic #206950 (Specialized Behavior Disorder Program)

Barton House – PA Lic #207000 (Specialized Sexual Disorders Treatment Program)

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,

MEI YUK KUNG, Program Chief

**FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT**

<b>FACILITY NAME:</b>	KIDSPEACE: ORCHARD HILLS CAMPUS	<b>FACILITY NUMBER:</b>	602300048
<b>ADMINISTRATOR:</b>	DAVE WOODWARD	<b>FACILITY TYPE:</b>	731
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	5300 KIDSPEACE 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>	UNANNOUNCED
<b>MET WITH:</b>	Sean Klutinoty, Director of Admissions & Customer Relations	<b>DATE:</b>	02/08/2010
		<b>TIME BEGAN:</b>	09:30 AM
		<b>TIME COMPLETED:</b>	04:30 PM

**NARRATIVE**

1 PURPOSE OF VISIT:  
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3 As mandated by California law, this visit was performed on February 8, 2010, by the undersigned analyst for  
4 the purpose of annual re-certification by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and to verify the  
5 facility continues to:  
6 • have adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care, supervision  
7 and treatment services to youth/clients in care.  
8 • remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations as well as  
9 remaining licensed and in good standing with the licensing authorities of the state of geographical  
10 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 in rural Orefield, PA on 300+ forested  
16 acres. Less than a mile away is the National Headquarters of the KidsPeace organization.  
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18 KidsPeace offers numerous residential care and treatment programs, as well as acute psychiatric care, on  
19 their Orchard Hills Campus. It should be noted that some, not all, of the programs on the campus are certified  
20 by the CDSS and placements made by California placements representatives of county social services and  
21 probation agencies are restricted only to those certified by the CDSS. Initial certification occurred in 2008  
22 and includes the following programs:  
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24 KidsHope Intensive Residential Treatment Program (Connoly House within the Athletes Center): This  
25 program provides highly individualized, self-contained, structured 24-hour clinical, educational and psychiatric  
care for low functioning male clients (IQ's of 50--80) with behavioral disorders, emotional disturbances and  
developmental delays who are dual-diagnosed with moderate to severe emotional disturbances and  
borderline intellectual functioning.

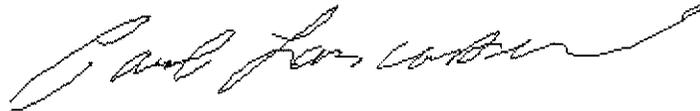
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LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:



DATE: 02/16/2010

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

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:

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**FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)**CCLD Regional Office, 8745 FOLSOM BLVD., #130  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95826**FACILITY NAME:** KIDSPEACE: ORCHARD HILLS CAMPUS**FACILITY NUMBER:** 602300048**VISIT DATE:** 02/08/2010**NARRATIVE**LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATIONS: (Continued)

KidsPeace is a Joint Commission accredited behavioral health care organization. The most recent accreditation survey was performed August 23, 2008 and is valid for approximately three years.

FIRE AND OTHER HEALTH AND SAFETY RELATED CONDITIONS:

According to fire inspection records provided, a fire inspection of the Orchard Hills Campus was last conducted September 17-18, 2009. There was one deficiency in Bell House requiring chairs to be removed from in front of marked exits.

A "Food Facility Inspection Report" prepared by a representative with the PA Dept of Agriculture reflects that the main kitchen on the Orchard Hills Campus was last inspected September 22, 2009. The report issued reflects the kitchen to be in compliance with PA standards. It should be noted that client meals are coordinated, prepared and served from this kitchen.

PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES:

During the last year, KidsPeace has been adopting and implementing the Sanctuary Model throughout the programs on campus. The Sanctuary Model represents a trauma-informed method for creating or changing an organizational culture in order to more effectively provide a cohesive context within which healing from psychological and social traumatic experience can be addressed. The Sanctuary Model is a model for creating a trauma-sensitive environment that is supported by the National Institute of Mental Health. This means that staff and clients are educated regarding the impact of trauma on children and that they maintain a constant focus on safety. The Sanctuary Model provides a variety of tools for both individual clients and unit communities to establish and maintain safe, emotionally health environments. These tools include, but are not limited to, client-developed safety plans, Community Meetings, and Red Flag Reviews.

A new phase program has also been implemented in the Fulton House (Behavior Disorder Program.) This program consists of an Orientation and a four phase treatment planning system that focuses on changing a client's behavior, thinking and values:

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KidsPeace is licensed in Pennsylvania by the:

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW)  
Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF) - Northeast Region  
Bureau of Child Welfare Services  
Division of Licensing  
Scranton State Office Building  
100 Lackawanna Av, Room 301  
Scranton, PA 18503-1923

As part of the visit, this analyst collected copies of the most recent PA Licenses issued for the CDSS certified programs. These licenses were issued April 15, 2009 and are good for one year:

Athlete's Center #244180 (Collective Licensing Capacity: 110) - Includes:

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- Wade House (Intensive Residential Treatment)
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- Connoy House (Kidshope/(Intensive Residential Treatment)

Edison House #207030 (Intensive Residential Treatment) - Licensing Capacity: 22

Fulton House #206950 (Specialized Behavior Disorder Program) - Licensing Capacity: 22

Barton House #207000 (Specialized Sexual Disorders Treatment Program - Licensing Capacity: 22

Copies of PA Licensing reports were also obtained and reflect that the licenses issues in 2009 were preceded by a joint (team) visit and evaluation conducted March 3-6, 2009 by staff with PA DPW/OCYF and PA DPW Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Although some violations were cited, they were relatively few in number and not of an egregious nature or cause for a high level of concern. Most were record keeping related and were satisfied by an appropriate plan of correction.

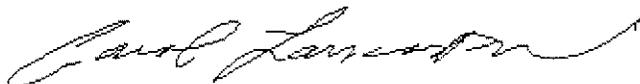
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CDSS CERTIFICATION HISTORY/PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: (Continued)

Intensive Residential Treatment Program (Zaharias, Wade, Owens Houses within the Athletes Center; and Edison House): This program features highly individualized, self-contained, staff-secure psychiatric care for clients requiring more intensive, clinical, recreational and educational services and supervision than standard residential treatment can provide. The program's purpose is to provide appropriate individual attention and intervention that will eventually promote the child's ability to function successfully in a less restrictive and less intense setting. Zaharias and Wade Houses serve female clients; Owens and Edison serves males.

Specialized Sexual Disorders Treatment Program (Barton House):

This program provides highly structured, staff-secure, intensive residential treatment services for male adolescents, ages 12 to 19, with sexually abusive/reactive issues. The program identifies key issues and behaviors that prevent a child from functioning appropriately in a less restrictive program. Program focus is on helping clients achieve the following goals: accept responsibility for inappropriate behaviors, identify maladaptive behavioral patterns; increase social sensitivity; develop empathy for abuse victims and learn long-term accountability and self-discipline.

Specialized Behavior Disorder Program (Fulton House):

This program is a highly structured, staff-secure, reality and cognitively behaviorally based program for adolescent males with behavior disorder issues. The population of clients served typically have a diagnosis of a behavior disorder which impacts family or social functioning and has been characterized by repeated failed placements, chronic delinquent behavior and a history of aggressive and/or assaultive behavior toward family, staff and peer safety.

CA PLACING AGENCIES / CHILDREN IN CARE:

At the time of this year's visit, two female youth from Riverside County, California were in placement within the Intensive Residential Treatment program. Children from the following additional states were also in care on the campus: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Illinois, Wasington D.C., Vermont and Maryland.

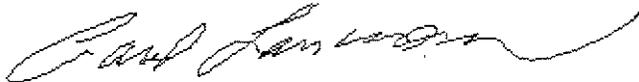
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**NARRATIVE**1 PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES: (Continued)

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3 Fulton House Phase Program:

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5 **Orientation** - On this phase the client will work to become familiar with the program, staff and other clients.

6 (Typically, this is a two week process; however, could last as long as a client demonstrates a failure to adhere

7 to the program.)

8 1. **Ownership** - This phase will assist the client to learn to accept responsibility for their behavior by the

9 completion of specific therapeutic tasks and to demonstrate safety. (4 weeks)

10 2. **Understanding** - This phase will assist the client to learn to understand the effects of their behavior on

11 others and to reframe self-serving thinking patterns. Defense mechanisms of blaming others, making

12 excuses and minimization will be confronted and addressed during this reframing phase. (6 weeks)

13 3. **Commitment** - This phase will give the client the opportunity to apply their new insight to show consistent

14 behavioral and thinking changes. Interactions with peers, staff and family should show increased

15 empathy, compassion and trust. (8 weeks)

16 4. **Discharge Preparation** - This phase will give the client the opportunity to independently employ tried and

17 tested coping skills to manage his behavior. Also, to effectively utilize such skills during the reintegration

18 process. (6 weeks)

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20 KidsPeace has also added educational curriculum relative to the following areas:

21 • Grief and Loss

22 • Drug and Alcohol Services - - provided by a subject-appropriate credentialed and alcohol and drug

23 certified staff.

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25 ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES:

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27 Former KidsPeace Executive Director Dave Woodward has been replaced by Susan Mullen.

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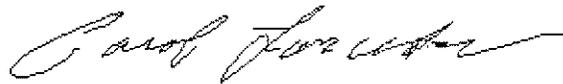
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1 SCOPE OF RE-CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

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3 • Entrance and exit interview with Sean Klutinoty, Admissions Director.

4 • Collection of updated and current organizational and program information and material.

5 • Collection and review of 2009 PA Child Residential Program licenses and reports; as well as fire and

6 health inspection reports.

7 • Tour/Physical Inspection of the CDSS certified buildings and programs

8 • Assessment of emergency procedures and preparedness- - i.e., posted floorplan/diagram illustrating exit

9 and evacuation routes; fire/smoke alarms being in working order; fire drill procedures/log.

10 • Sample of staff files reviewed with emphasis on staff background clearances and training records.

11 • Two file reviews and interviews with the two CA clients in residence.

12 • Review of emergency intervention method (Safe Crisis Management) and oversight of same by

13 management/administration.

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15 OUT-OF-STATE CERTIFICATION FINDINGS:

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17 Programs reviewed appear to be in substantial compliance with CA children's group home standards.

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19 As there was a change in the organization's executive director, it is necessary to notify/report same in writing

20 to the CDSS. Written notification shall include: Date this change was effective; job application (or resume)

21 for Susan Mullen; supporting documentation for Ms. Mullen's education, credentials and experience.

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23 CERTIFICATION DECISION:

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25 Re-certify the following programs:

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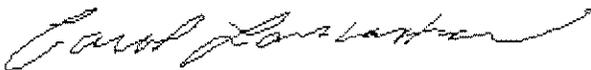
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