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Placement and Policy Unit  
San Diego County Health and Human Services

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## FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

Out of State Cert, 744 P Street, M.S. 19-50  
Sacramento, CA 95814

FACILITY NAME: KIDSPACE: ATHLETE & PIONEER CENTERS		FACILITY NUMBER:	602300048
ADMINISTRATOR: DAVE WOODWARD		FACILITY TYPE:	731
ADDRESS:	5300 KIDSPACE DRIVE	TELEPHONE:	(610) 799-8800
CITY:	OREFIELD	STATE: PA	ZIP CODE: 18069
CAPACITY:	192	CENSUS: 116	DATE: 01/10/2008
TYPE OF VISIT:	Prelicensing	ANNOUNCED	TIME BEGAN: 09:32 AM
MET WITH:	Sean Klutiny, Director of Marketing	TIME COMPLETED:	05:15 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 the KidsPeace programs identified above are eligible to be certified by the California

5 Department of Social Services (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 Pennsylvania where the

9 facilities are located.

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11 REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION / APPLICATION HISTORY:

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13 In late August 2007, the Out-of-State Certification Unit (OSCU) of CDSS was contacted by placement officials

14 with the San Diego County Department of Social Services (DSS) advising that previously, in April 2007, two

15 dependents of the San Diego County Juvenile Court under their charge had been placed at KidsPeace in

16 Orefield, Pennsylvania prior to certification. Immediately thereafter, KidsPeace was contacted by the

17 undersigned analyst, the need for the facility to be certified by CDSS was discussed, and KidsPeace was

18 provided application instructions and material.

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20 In late October of 2007, after receiving most of the completed application material back, this on-site

21 precertification visit was coordinated and arranged between KidsPeace and the CDSS OSCU and occurred as

22 planned on January 10, 2008. It should be noted, however, that only two programs of the KidsPeace

23 operation in Orefield, PA are the subject and focus of this report - - those two being the programs that

24 accepted and provided residential treatment services to the two San Diego County dependents.

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**NARRATIVE****1 FACILITY INFORMATION:**

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3 KidsPeace is one of the nation's largest non-profit children's mental and behavioral health care organizations.  
4 The Orchard Hills Campus of the KidsPeace organization is located on 300+ acres in a rural and forested  
5 area within the town of Orefield, PA. Less than a mile away is the National Headquarters of the KidsPeace  
6 organization. The Athlete and Pioneer Centers are but two of the centers located on the KidsPeace Orchard  
7 Hills campus and are the focus of this certification report.  
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9 Athletes Center: Collective maximum licensed capacity is 110; Census at time of visit was 69.  
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11 There are six units/programs which comprise and operate within the Athletes Center; however, one of the six  
12 has no occupants and is not operational at the present time (Connolly House.) All are located below or  
13 adjacent to the KidsPeace's Children's Psychiatric Hospital. The psychiatric hospital, which provides acute  
14 care is separately licensed and is the only area on the Orchard Hills Campus which is lock secured to prevent  
15 clients from departing. Magnetic locking doors (staff access only) divide all common areas leading to and  
16 from the Athletes Center to the Hospital. Two of the programs which comprise the Athletes Center are  
17 known as the KidsHope Programs; the other three are intensive residential treatment programs known as  
18 Wade, Zaharias and Owens Houses.  
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20 The KidsHope Intensive Residential Treatment Programs provide highly individualized, self-contained,  
21 structured 24-hour clinical, educational and psychiatric care for low functioning clients (IQ's of 50--80) with  
22 behavioral disorders, emotional disturbances and developmental delays who are dual-diagnosed with  
23 moderate to severe emotional disturbances and borderline intellectual functioning. The clients served are  
24 male between the ages of 12 and 18; the number of licensed beds in each is 16; the combined census of the  
25 two at the time of visit was 24 (11+13.)  
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27 The Wade, Zaharias and Owens Houses operate as intensive residential treatment programs and feature  
28 highly individualized, self-contained, staff-secure psychiatric care for clients requiring more intensive, clinical,  
29 recreational and educational services and supervision than standard residential treatment can provide. These  
30 programs' purpose is to provide appropriate individual intervention that promotes the child's ability to function  
31 successfully in a less restrictive and less intense setting. These programs serve males  
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1 and females (in separate units/houses) ages 13 to 18 with multiple psychiatric diagnoses who are exhibiting  
2 moderate to severe psychiatric symptomatology, or who have histories of unsuccessful or repeated  
3 placement and/or hospitalization. The licensed capacities and censuses were as follows at the time of the  
4 visit: Wade House, 16 of 22 beds occupied; Owens House, 14 of 24 beds occupied; Zaharias, 15 of 16 beds  
5 occupied.  
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7 Pioneer Center: Collective maximum licensed capacity is 82; Census at the time of visit was 47  
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9 Four units comprise the Pioneer Center - - three of which are operating, one is not. Two of the operating units  
10 offer a Specialized Sexual Disorders Treatment Program (Lewis & Clark House and Crocket House) which  
11 provides highly structured, staff-secure, intensive residential treatment services for male adolescents, ages 12  
12 to 19, with sexually abusive/reactive issues. The program identifies key issues and behaviors that prevent a  
13 child from functioning appropriately in a less restrictive program. Program focus is on helping clients achieve  
14 the following goals: accept responsibility for inappropriate behaviors, identify maladaptive behavioral  
15 patterns; increase social sensitivity; develop empathy for abuse victims and learn long-term accountability and  
16 self-discipline. The Thurston House offers a Specialized Therapeutic Program which provides structured,  
17 staff-secure, specialized therapeutic residential treatment for male adolescents, ages 13 to 18, focusing on  
18 helping clients through specific sexual reactive behaviors, sexual abuse and other behavior related issues.  
19 Program focus is on helping clients achieve the goals necessary to live safely by providing support and  
20 knowledge while assisting their abilities to follow relapse prevention and/or treatment plans and facilitating  
21 their integration back into community settings.  
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23 CA PLACING AGENCIES / CHILDREN IN CARE  
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25 At the time of the visit, one San Diego County dependent was in placement, residing in the Pioneer Center  
26 (Thurston House,) participating in the Specialized Sexual Disorders Treatment Program.  
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28 In addition to Pennsylvania and California, KidsPeace has children from the following other states in their  
29 placement: New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, West Virginia, Maryland, Florida, Delaware, Vermont and  
30 the District of Columbia.  
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1 LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATIONS:  
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3 KidsPeace is licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Office of  
4 Children, Youth and Families (DPW OCYF) to provide child residential and day treatment. Through contact  
5 with DPW and correspondence issued by that agency, CDSS learned of numerous repeat licensing violations  
6 identified during several unannounced visits occurring in August 2007. The violations cited included an  
7 improper application of a restrictive procedure; the utilization of unwarranted restraints; and violation of  
8 children's rights to not be abused, mistreated, threatened, harassed or subject to corporal punishment, to be  
9 treated with fairness, dignity and respect, and to communicate with others by telephone subject to reasonable  
10 facility policy. In addition to these citations, there were seven significant physical injuries requiring medical  
11 attention that occurred during physical restraints in 2007. As a result, DPW closed the intake process (i.e.,  
12 placed a hold on admissions) to many KidsPeace Orchard Hills/Orefield campus programs in September  
13 2007, including both the Athlete and Pioneer Centers. However, through subsequently working closely with  
14 OCYF in making changes regarding retraining of staff in reference to the use of physical restraints, OCYF  
15 reported on November 16, 2007. . . . . "The high level of cooperation has resulted in tremendous progress  
16 toward achieving regulatory compliance in less than two months. The Department will continue to monitor the  
17 facility to assure corrective action plans are implemented." Incidentally, DPW issued First Provisional  
18 certificates of compliance effective November 1, 2007 through April 4, 2008, at which time annual  
19 re-evaluation will occur.  
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21 As KidsPeace provides daily meals and food service primarily through a large scale industrial type kitchen  
22 operation located on the Orchard Hills campus, this portion of the facility is monitored and evaluated on a  
23 regular basis by the PA Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Food Safety and Laboratory Services. In that  
24 agency's most recent inspection report issued November 15, 2007, no violations or areas of non-compliance  
25 were identified.  
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27 KidsPeace is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Their most  
28 recent accreditation survey being performed June 25, 2005 (due to expire 2008.)  
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30 According to records provided, a fire inspection of the KidsPeace Orchard Hills Campus was last conducted in  
31 September, 2006, and conditions affecting fire prevention were, in general, found to be very good.  
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1	<u>SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:</u>
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3	• Review of application and program statement submitted.
4	• Verification of licensure status and history with PA licensing officials.
5	• Entrance interview with Sean Klutinoty, Director of Marketing; followed by on-site physical tour of the
6	Orchard Hills campus with specific emphasis on buildings and resources utilized in the operation of the
7	Athlete and Pioneer Center programs.
8	• Client record review and interview with California dependent in placement.
9	• Introductions to, interviews and discussions with several administrative, medical, social work/treatment
10	and line staff.
11	• Review of staff/personnel records with emphasis on background clearances and staff training.
12	• Exit interview.
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14	<u>FINDINGS, AREAS OF CONCERN AND/OR THOSE REQUIRING COLLECTION:</u>
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16	Based on the application submitted, the on-site tour of the KidsPeace Orchard Hills Campus in Orefield,
17	Pennsylvania and evaluation of the care, treatment and resources provided to clients of the Athlete and
18	Pioneer Center Programs, this analyst is deeming the referenced programs suitable for certification by the
19	CDSS.
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21	However, to date the facility has not been submitting serious incident reports as is required per California
22	group home licensing regulations. In order for certification to occur, the submission of such reports on all
23	children in care in the Athlete and Pioneer Centers must commence. While this analyst acknowledges that
24	such may represent ongoing utilization of administrative and staff time and effort, no waiver or exception can
25	be granted relative to this area.
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27	<u>CERTIFICATION DECISION:</u>
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29	Should KidsPeace come into compliance with California licensing regulations relative to the documentation and
30	submission of serious incidents through the implementation of procedures for same by February 15, 2008,
31	certification can be granted.
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