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Community Care Licensing Division – Statewide Children’s Residential Program  
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June 17, 2016

MORNING STAR BOYS RANCH – 602300071  
S. 4511 GLENROSE ROAD  
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON 99223

SUBJECT : Certification by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

CAPACITY : 24 male Youth, Ages 6 - 17

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that certification for Morning Star Boys Ranch located at S. 4511 Glenrose Road, Spokane, Washington is continued through April 2017.

Certification will be reviewed annually or more often should non-compliance with California Title 22 licensing standards as they apply to California group homes become questionable or at issue. Additionally, serious incidents must be reported to the CDSS Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit for each child in care regardless of whether he/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 health or safety of a child

While certified, we will continue to follow our Department policy which authorizes us to inspect facilities with or without an appointment as necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 651-5380; or Certification Analyst Ron Leslie at (916) 654-0956

Sincerely,

*Original signature on file*

MARYJO TOBOLA, PROGRAM MANAGER  
Children’s Residential Program  
Community Care Licensing

C: Christine Oliver, Program Manager, Out-of-State Placement and Policy Unit

**FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT**

<b>FACILITY NAME:</b> MORNING STAR BOYS RANCH	<b>FACILITY NUMBER:</b> 602300071
<b>ADMINISTRATOR:</b> JOHN HINDMAN	<b>FACILITY TYPE:</b> 731
<b>ADDRESS:</b> S. 4511 GLENROSE ROAD	<b>TELEPHONE:</b> (509) 448-1202
<b>CITY:</b> SPOKANE	<b>STATE:</b> WA
<b>CAPACITY:</b> 24	<b>ZIP CODE:</b> 99223
<b>TYPE OF VISIT:</b> Case Management	<b>CENSUS:</b> 13
<b>MET WITH:</b> John Hindman, Executive Director	<b>UNANNOUNCED</b>
	<b>DATE:</b> 06/06/2016
	<b>TIME BEGAN:</b> 09:15 AM
	<b>TIME COMPLETED:</b> 03:30 PM

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PURPOSE OF VISIT:

As mandated by California law, an on-site inspection was performed on June 6, 2016 by analyst Ronald Leslie with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the purpose of annual recertification and to assure that the facility continues to:

- have adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24 hour residential care, supervision and treatment services to youth in care.
- remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations, as well as licensing laws and standards of the state the facility is located - in this case, the state Washington (WA).

CERTIFICATION HISTORY

Morning Star Boys Ranch has been certified by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division (CDSS-CCLD) as an out-of-state group home provider since September 28, 2011.

CALIFORNIA PLACING AGENCIES:

The facility is licensed/certified for 16 beds. At the time of inspection, client census was 13. There were no California foster youth in placement - - all were Washington State placements. The director of the facility expressed a continuing interest and willingness to accept youth from California, provided they are a good fit for their program offered.

**SUPERVISOR'S NAME:** MaryJo Tobola **TELEPHONE:** (916) 651-1070

**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Ronald Leslie **TELEPHONE:** 916-654-0956

**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:**



**DATE:** 06/27/2016

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

**FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:**

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**DATE:** 07/08/2016

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

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POPULATION SERVED; FACILITY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Population served is now males age 6 – 12. Previous Washington state licensing allowed ages 6 – 17.

Morning Star, Inc. was founded in 1956; Morning Star Boys Ranch (the facility) was built in 1976. Located on 214 acres at the foot of Browne's Mountain in Southeast Spokane, the setting allows boys in care to experience both rural and urban living. The home is tri-level: The lower level includes resident rooms, a spacious living room, recreation room, chapel, laundry, storage and other service facilities. The middle level includes resident rooms, staff offices, kitchen, a library and dining hall. The upper level is dedicated to resident rooms and offices. All resident rooms are single bedrooms. The campus includes an art room, equine education classroom, horse barn and stalls, a playfield, and a regulation-sized gymnasium. Horses, goats, chickens and other fowl, as well as dogs and cats are also a part of the boys' lives at Morning Star.

Clients attend school off site; educational needs being met through local public schools. Client medical and dental care needs are also met through local community providers.

WASHINGTON LICENSING INFORMATION:

Morning Star is licensed in the State of Washington by the Department of Social and Health Services as a Group Care Facility (with Day Treatment Services.) Telephone contact with Washington licensing stated Morning Star has no outstanding issues and is in good standing. Their original license issued December 1, 2013 is good through November 2016. However, a demographic change was allowed to better improve services onsite. The capacity was changed from 24 to 16 beds. Also the maximum client age allowed is now 12 versus 17. A new license was issued on February 3, 2016 reflecting the program changes and is valid until November 30, 2016.

The agency is a licensed child placing agency; however, are not currently offering those services.

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FIRE SAFETY:

The facility is inspected yearly by the Washington State Patrol Fire Protection Bureau. A report based on an inspection conducted November 13, 2016 was provided. Per telephone contact with Barbara McMillan (Washington State official, the fire clearance is valid for three years and expires November 15, 2016.

A review of the facility's fire drill log reflected fire drills being done on a regular basis.

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance Interview with Benjamin Lister, Program Director.
- Exit interview with executive director John Hindman.
- Verification of license status and compliance with Washington licensing and other oversight authorities.
- Physical tour/inspection of facility and amenities.
- Three staff files reviewed.

As no California foster youth were in care, no client records were reviewed.

FINDINGS:

The following licensing standards were not met:

Old, ripped and soiled furniture – removed from premises by staff.

Facility will be required to complete California form 9203 stating the change in capacity and age requirements.

Certification is approved

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