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MINGUS MOUNTAIN ACADEMY- 602300052
P.O. BOX 26485
PRESCOTT VALLEY, AZ 86312

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

Capacity : 114 Population served: Female youth age 12-17

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that CDSS certification for the Mingus Mountain Academy is continued through April 2014.

California licensing standards require that all serious incidents continue to 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 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

Certification will continue to be reviewed annually. 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 Carol Lancaster, Out-of-State Certification Analyst, at (916) 838-5751.

Sincerely,



MEI YUK KUNG
Program Chief

C: Rosalind Hyde, Deputy Compact Administrator, ICPC/Out-of-State Placement & Policy Unit

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

FACILITY NAME:	MINGUS MOUNTAIN ACADEMY	FACILITY NUMBER:	602300052
ADMINISTRATOR:	MICHAEL MCFARLAND	FACILITY TYPE:	731
ADDRESS:	15801 E. DON CARLOS DRIVE	TELEPHONE:	(602) 335-2089
CITY:	PRESCOTT VALLEY	STATE:	AZ
CAPACITY:	80 ¹¹⁴	ZIP CODE:	86312
TYPE OF VISIT:	Case Management - <i>Re-Cert.</i>	CENSUS:	114
MET WITH:	Exec. Dir. Mike McFarland and admin. team	UNANNOUNCED	
		DATE:	05/09/2013
		TIME BEGAN:	09:55 AM
		TIME COMPLETED:	05:15 PM

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25**PURPOSE OF VISIT:**

As mandated by California law, this annual review was performed by the undersigned analyst for the purpose of re-certification by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to verify the facility continues to:

- have adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care, supervision and treatment services to youth/clients in care.
- remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations as well as remaining licensed and in good standing with the licensing authorities of the state of geographical location -- in this case, the state of Arizona.

CALIFORNIA PLACEMENT'S AND PLACING AGENCIES:

Mingus Mountain Academy (MMA) is licensed by the State of Arizona and certified by the CDSS for a capacity of 114. At the time of visit, MMA had 33 probation and social services placements by the following California agencies:

- Riverside County Probation; Riverside Social Services
- Sacramento County Probation; Sacramento County Social Services
- San Francisco County Probation; San Francisco County Social Services
- San Joaquin County Probation; San Joaquin Social Services
- Alameda County Probation
- Lassen County Probation
- San Bernardino Social Services
- Shasta County Probation
- Siskiyou County Probation
- Sonoma County Social Services
- Stanislaus County Probation

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: Mei Yuk Kung**TELEPHONE:** (916) 327-8763**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Carol Lancaster**TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5751**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:***Original Signed by Carol Lancaster***DATE:** 05/20/2013

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

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:*Original Signed by Mike McFarland***DATE:** 05/20/2013

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

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In addition to serving the placement needs of California foster youth, the facility also has placements from Arizona, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon and Texas.

FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT, PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW AND CHANGES:

- In February 2012, the construction of a new dorm was completed (Willow.)
- Over the last couple of years, the facility has added new individualized programming to equip, enlighten and empower girls who are being sexually exploited, are at risk of being sexually exploited, or who have previously been.

LOCAL STATE LICENSING / COMPLAINTS ISSUES:

The facility is licensed in the State of Arizona by the Department of Health Services, Division of Licensing Services as a level one residential treatment center (License #BH-312.) The current license was issued on 4/5/2012 and is valid from 5/1/2012 through 4/30/2013. The facility reports that its license was recently extended another year but that they have not received their new license from AZ Licensing to date. The last licensing inspection of record was conducted on 2/15/2012 which coincides with the opening of the new Willow dorm.

Contact was attempted with the Arizona licensing evaluator assigned to the facility; however, as of this writing, he has not been reached.

ACCREDITATIONS AND OTHER OVERSIGHT AGENCY INSPECTION INFORMATION:

MMA is accredited by the Joint Commission and meets the requirements for the Behavioral Health Care Accreditation Program. Accreditation was last issued August 14, 2010 and is customarily valid for up to 39 months.

Food and meal service is under the authority of the Arizona Department of Health Services (Arizona DHS.) The facility was last inspected by that entity on April 11, 2013. One minor item required correction. Sanitation inspections are conducted by AZ DHS as well; the last being conducted May 3, 2012. This included verification that waste disposal (septic system) was in compliance and that monthly tests of the water supply are conducted.

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The student school program provided by the facility has the following certification/accreditation:

- AZ Dept of Education (Good for the 2012/2013 school year.)
- CA Dept of Education (Certification effective January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013)
- North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement. (Certification valid through June 30, 2016.)

The facility was last inspected by the AZ State Fire Marshall on May 2, 2013 with no violations. This fire clearance supports DHS licensure for three years.

The facility employs 138 full time staff and 3 part time staff. Eight of these staff are certified instructors of the Handle with Care Behavior Management System and provide this training to all direct care staff. Trainers are recertified yearly (16 hour course.) Current certificates are valid through January 2014.

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance interview and facility briefing with administrative staff: Mike McFarland, Executive Director; Jessica Hines, Quality Assurance Director; Vince Moser, Group Living Director and Jose Toro, Human Resources Director; Ginger Flaumenhat, Education Director; Kendall Payne, Vice-President, Sequel Youth Services.
- Power Point presentation on serious incident reporting.
- Discussion concerning new CA licensing statutes on providing services to non-minor dependents -- i.e., 18 year old students (AB 12.)
- Collection of updated and current organizational and program information material.
- Four clients from California interviewed.
- Exit interview.

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2 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:
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4 Facility appeared clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair.
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6 Re-certify through April 2014.
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8 Executive Director Mike McFarland to complete a new LIC 9203 (Application for Certification) with the
9 updated facility capacity and a new facility sketch.
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11 Facility to provide new licenses issued by Arizona when they are received.
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