

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

FACILITY NAME:	RITE OF PASSAGE Q HOUSE #5	FACILITY NUMBER:	602300047
ADMINISTRATOR:	RON WESTPHAL	FACILITY TYPE:	731
ADDRESS:	2706 E. VALLEY ROAD	TELEPHONE:	(775) 267-4564
CITY:	MINDEN	STATE:	NV
CAPACITY:	6	ZIP CODE:	89423
TYPE OF VISIT:	Case Management	CENSUS:	UNANNOUNCED
MET WITH:	Vicki Sims; Ron Westphal; Lawrence Howell	DATE:	06/29/2007
		TIME BEGAN:	09:00 AM
		TIME COMPLETED:	03:00 PM

NARRATIVE

1 PURPOSE OF VISIT
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3 As mandated by California law, this on-site visit and review of the out-of-state group home referenced was
4 conducted by the undersigned analyst on June 29, 2007 for the purpose of certification through evaluating
5 that the facility:
6 • has adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care, supervision,
7 education and treatment services for the clients served.
8 • is in substantial compliance with California licensing standards governing the operation of children's
9 group homes, as well as operating and remaining in good standing with licensing authorities in the state
10 of Nevada.
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12 CDSS CERTIFICATION HISTORY AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
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14 This ROP community-based group home, which is an extension (satellite facility) of the 225 bed Rite of
15 Passage Silver State Academy (ROP SSA) program located approximately 80 miles away in Yerington, NV, is
16 the newest of ROP's "Q" (Qualifying) Houses. Subsequent to graduation from ROP SSA, a small number of
17 student athletes are afforded the opportunity to continue to learn and develop educational and life skills
18 through living at one of the "Q" Houses prior to returning to their county/state of origin. First licensed and
19 operated under Nevada authorities in 2006, this is the facility's first independent certification review and report
20 by the CDSS. Originally, the ROP organization had four "Q" Houses -- all certified by CDSS in 1999.
21 Three of those original four are no longer in operation. This "Q" House is located directly next door to ROP's
22 other "Q" House (#4.)
23 *(NOTE: For a complete description and overview of the ROP program, purpose, methods and goals,*
24 *as well as prior certification reports, reference ROP's Silver State Academy and "Q" House #4's*
25 *certification file and prior reports.)*

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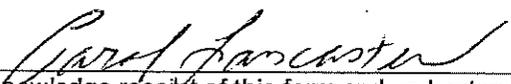
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I acknowledge receipt of this form and understand my licensing appeal rights as explained and received.

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NARRATIVE1 INFORMATION ON PLACING ENTITIES/AGENCIES AND CHILDREN IN CARE

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3 Rites of Passage prides itself as an organization that offers quality educational, vocational, athletic and life
4 skills training in a residential treatment services environment. The Nevada ROP facilities accept and provide
5 services to male adolescent clients (known as student/athletes,) ages 13 to 18, who typically present with
6 conduct disordered, delinquent "street type" behaviors - - most clients having been adjudicated for same and
7 placed at ROP by juvenile justice officials/county probation officers. The "Q" houses offer contiuum of care
8 with increased emphasis on transitional living and employability skills.
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10 At the time of this year's visit, this facility had all six beds filled; however, none of the youths were California
11 placements. (Two were from Indiana, two from Utah, one from Nevada and one from Minnesota.)
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13 FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT AND PROGRAM REVIEW AND DESCRIPTION:

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15 The physical plant is a large contemporary four bedroom, two and a half bath ranch style home located in a
16 rural Minden, NV neighborhood. The home and furnishings present as being extremely well kept and
17 maintained. It is obvious that clients and staff take pride in keeping the home in such a condition. The home
18 additionally sits on a large lot which offers plenty of outdoor living and recreating space. For those students
19 who have yet to complete high school or pass the GED test, school programing is held year round in a
20 classroom and computer lab setting at a nearby location which also serves as ROP Nevada's administrative
21 offices. Recreation space is located there as well.
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23 As previously mentioned, the program offered is an extension of ROP's Silver State Academy with increased
24 emphasis on transitional living and employability skills. Additionally, as part of the program, clients are
25 required to perform community service a minimum of one day per week.
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27 EMERGENCY DISASTER PLANNING/OPERATIONS AND FIRE CLEARANCE

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29 Posted in conspicuous locations throughout the house are floorplan diagrams that illustrate the exit routes
30 and an emergency disaster plan in the event of a fire or other emergency. Residents participate in fire
31 drills/evacuation drills on a routine basis.
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NARRATIVE1 LOCAL STATE LICENSING / COMPLAINTS

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As part of CDSS' evaluation process, contact was attempted with the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services. As of this writing, the undersigned was not successful in reaching a Nevada licensing representative who was knowledgeable in providing information relative to this particular facility; or willing to provide copies of Nevada licensing reports and/or records. However, ROP administrative staff did provide a copy of the most recently issued license which is dated July 1, 2007 and expires June 30, 2008.

SCOPE OF RE-CERTIFICATION REVIEW

- Collection of documents and forms required for certification.
- Entrance interview with Treatment Director Vicki Sims.
- Tour/Physical Inspection of home and amenities; assessment of residential quarters and accommodations - - furniture/bedding, food, kitchen/cooking/eating essentials, toiletries, cleaning supplies and safe storage of same; first aid kit and medication supplies and safe storage of same; adequate laundry facilities, verification of posted license.
- Assessment of emergency procedures and preparedness- - i.e., posted floorplan/diagram illustrating exit and evacuation routes.
- Sample of staff files and training records reviewed.
- Note: Due to no California clients in placement at the home during this year's review, client files were not reviewed.
- Program discussion and exit interview conducted at ROP Administrative Offices in Minden with Lawrence Howell, Agency Director; Ron Westphal, Facility Director; and Vicki Sims, Treatment Director.

FINDINGS; AREAS OF CONCERN AND/OR CORRECTION

Although this facility has been in operation for approximately one year, this is the facility's first certification report. The facility is nearly a mirror image of the ROP "Q" house located next door - - the home being in extremely good condition and maintained nicely. No areas of non-compliance or substandard conditions were identified. It is obvious that the clients and staff take pride in maintaining their home and that in doing so, the clients are demonstrating responsibility and their ability to successfully transition from adolescents to adults.

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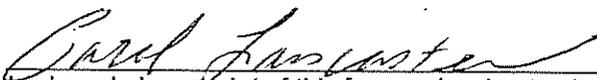
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 3 Within the next 30 days, it is being requested that ROP provide additional documentation and information
 4 specific to this "Q" House so that official certification can be accomplished. In order to do this, the material
 5 listed on the attached guideline should be submitted so that a complete and up-to-date certification file can be
 6 created and maintained by CDSS' OSCU.
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 8 CERTIFICATION DECISION:
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 10 Certify upon receiving the requested documentation.
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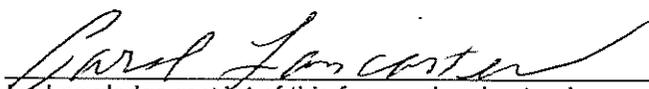
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