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October 10, 2011

Mr. Lawrence Howell, Executive Director
Rite of Passage, Mt. Rose (Q-House)
1967 Sorrel
Gardnerville, Nevada 89423

Dear Mr. Howell:

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
SERVICES (CDSS)

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that effective this date, Rite of Passage, Mt. Rose Q-House, located at; 1967 Sorrel Gardnerville, Nevada, is certified as meeting California Group Home licensing standards. Certification is valid through October 2012.

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 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.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this report further, please contact me at:
(916) 838-5875.

Sincerely,

OLANIYAN AKYEEM
Out-of State Program Analyst

Enclosure

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

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

FACILITY NAME:	RITE OF PASSAGE-MT. ROSE	FACILITY NUMBER:	602300070
ADMINISTRATOR:	PETER WOODS	FACILITY TYPE:	731
ADDRESS:	1967 SORREL	TELEPHONE:	(775) 267-9411
CITY:	GARDNERVILLE	STATE:	NV
CAPACITY:	8	ZIP CODE:	89423
TYPE OF VISIT:	Case Management	CENSUS:	UNANNOUNCED
MET WITH:	Peter Woods, Program Director	DATE:	09/26/2011
		TIME BEGAN:	11:00 AM
		TIME COMPLETED:	01:30 PM

NARRATIVE

1 | PURPOSE OF VISIT:
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4 | As mandated by California law, this initial on-site visit was performed on September 26,
5 | 2011 by the undersigned analyst to assess and determine Rite of Passage, Mt. Rose
6 | Qualifying House's (Q-House) eligibility and suitability for certification by the California
7 | Department of Social Services (CDSS.)
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10 | CDSS certification requires the facility to be in substantial compliance with California's
11 | Title 22 licensing regulations as they apply to children's group home facilities in the state
12 | of California as well as to be licensed and in good standing with the licensing laws and
13 | regulations of the state the facility is located, in this case, the state of Nevada.
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16 | CDSS CERTIFICATION HISTORY AND APPLICATION HISTORY:
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18 | This ROP community-based group home, is an extension (satellite facility) of the 225 bed
19 | Rite of Passage Silver State Academy (ROP SSA) program located approximately 80
20 | miles away in Yerington, NV, and is the newest of ROP's Qualifying House(s), "Q"-House.
21 | The Q-Houses is one of ROP's Passage's families of residential programs, and have
22 | been in operation for over a decade. Mt. Rose will be one of three ROP Q-Houses in
23 | Nevada, and the only one to serve a population of females.
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TELEPHONE: (916)654-0118

LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME: Olaniyan Akyeem

TELEPHONE: (916) 838-5875

LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:



DATE: 10/10/2011

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

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:

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

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NARRATIVE**1 FACILITY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

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4 Mt. Rose Q-House is newer residential home located in a smaller suburb of Gardnerville
5 Nevada. The home is a 2,600 Sq. ft., 5 bedroom home sitting on a one acre lot, and has
6 recently undergone extensive renovations to include "top-notch" appliances, electronics,
7 furniture and upgrades. This Q-House is the home to at risk female youth, who are given
8 interventions, skills and opportunities designed to turn their lives around. Mt. Rose's
9 Q-House's philosophy of care and treatment of these youth is primarily strengths-based.
10 The program seeks to appeal to the strengths young people possess and develop those
11 in a positive way through the multiple opportunities provided on active programming.
12 Since the initial certifications of Q-Houses in 2000, the programs has expanded and
13 evolved, and now incorporates evidence-based practices including Cognitive Behavioral
14 Therapy, Girls Circle, Aggression, Replacement Training, Pathways, Curriculum and the
15 Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) that helps target resources and formulates a
16 prescriptive treatment plan for each youth in placement. Q-Houses are delivering its new
17 generation of programming within the context of its strengths-based program designated
18 to help its at-risk youth succeed not only in the program, but within the community.
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23 Mt. Rose utilizes the PACT, which is validated as a fourth generation risk assessment tool
24 adopted from the Washington State model. The PACT instruments measures measure's
25 a student's at risk and protective factors in domains including: Criminal History, School,
26 Use of Free Time, Employment, Relationships, Family, Living Arrangements, Alcohol and
27 Drugs, Mental Health, Attitudes/Behaviors, Aggression and Skills. PACT uses a multiple
28 assessment screening process which identifies a risk level for each youth. The full
29 assessment is a 126 item multiple choice in-depth assessment instrument, which
30 produces, research-validated risk level scores measuring a youth's risk of re-offending. It
31 identifies areas most at risk in addition to areas where there are strengths to build upon.
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1 Measuring Results: The Q-House staff will keep records each month known as, "Key
2 Performance Indicators" (KPI) The KPI are used to track trends identifying program
3 issues, measure program performance in specific areas, and measure services provided.
4 In addition to KPI, students receive educational assessment as well as a PACT
5 re-assessment process. The objective of the re-assessment is to evaluate the youth's risk
6 and protective factors and their overall risk summary score. Changes in the youth's
7 Individualized treatment Plan may be required based on their scores.
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11 Planned Activities: ROP has a proud heritage of athletic participation, and that experience
12 is also brought to the Q-Houses. It is ROP's belief that physical fitness must be part of a
13 young person's life-for his/her entire life. Therefore, the students schedule includes two
14 hours of recreation, including a Health and Wellness component. Activities include the
15 following:
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19 ● Indoor and Outdoor Activities- on site gymnasium, club activities, board games,
20 swimming pool, and play fields. Students also compete with other local high schools
21 in sports including football, soccer and basketball.
22 ● Rams Club- The highest status students are members of the RAMS Club. The RAMS
23 Club at the Q-House(s) is a privilege awarded to those youth who have successfully
24 met objectives to their Treatment Plan, and have demonstrated positive behavior and
25 leadership.
26 ● Scheduling- each week, the Director of Student Services or Program Director initiates
27 a "Plan of the Week". The plan includes, but not limited to: Medical Appointments,
28 Court Hearings, Home Passes, Community Service, Athletic Events, Student Outings
29 (movies, bowling, roller skating) etc.
30 ● Community Resources- Q-Houses utilizes community resources such as parks and
31 churches, but also supports local communities by providing hundreds of hours of
32 volunteer services to local organizations.

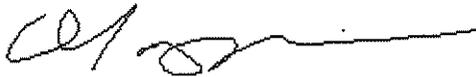
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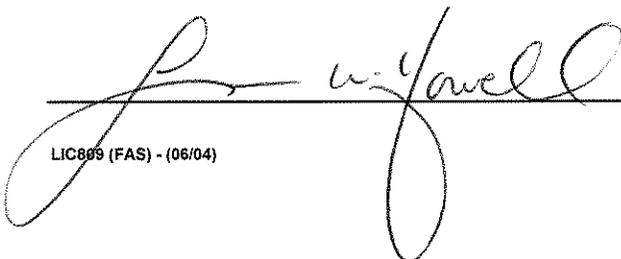
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NARRATIVEEDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SERVICES:

The Q-House(s) school program operates on a year-round basis and is designed to meet the individual educational needs of each student. The school's accreditation is by the Western Association of Colleges and Schools, and supported El Dorado County Office of Education as a charter school. The program offers a range of instructional services from basic skills remediation to a full high school curriculum and diploma.

Special education is also available at the Q-Houses with applicable state and federal laws guiding the identification, referral and evaluation process.

NEVADA LICENSING INFORMATION:

Mt. Rose Q-House is licensed by the State of Nevada to provide residential treatment for 8 at-risk female youth ages 13-17. On October 7, 2011, contact was made to the State of Nevada Licensing representative who reported that Mt. Rose has been in good standing since their initial licensure in June 2011. The current license was issued July 7, 2011 and is good through June 30, 2012. Nevada licensing conducts annual reviews to determine continued compliance with their licensing standards.

FIRE CLEARANCE:

The facility is inspected yearly by the Nevada State Fire Marshall. A certificate of fire clearance was last issued on June 7, 2011 and is good through June 7 2012.

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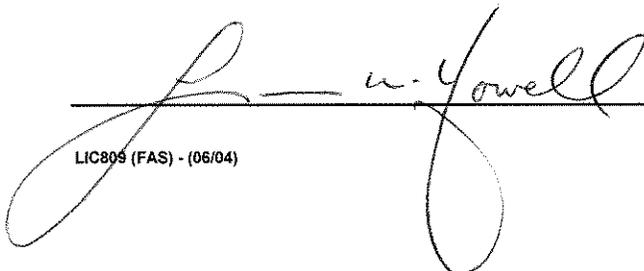
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NARRATIVE1 STAFF BACKGROUND CLEARANCES:2
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Nevada licensing requires that all designated facility staff over the age of 18 shall submit a complete set of fingerprints and written permission authorizing the licensing authority to forward those fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In addition, a child abuse and neglect screening will also be conducted in every state that the applicant has resided during the immediate preceding 5 years. Upon approval, the facility will maintain evidence of clearances in employee files for purpose of licensing review.

EMERGENCY INTERVENTION PROCEDURES

ROP uses the Safe Physical Management (SPM) system that emphasizes problems solving skills and de-escalation techniques. Physical escort and/or management are only utilized to limit behaviors that pose a threat to the safety of the student or others.

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Review of application and program material submitted.
- Verification of licensure status with Nevada licensing authorities.
- Program consultation and discussion with Executive Director Lawrence Howell and Program Director Peter Woods.
- Physical tour/inspection of facility and amenities.

FINDINGS:

Based on the application submitted and the onsite visit performed, initial certification is approved. The facility was found to meet and/or exceed California licensing standards as well as to be in substantial compliance with the State of Nevada Licensing authorities.

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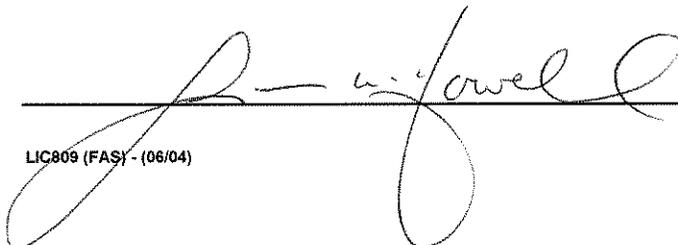
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