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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P STREET, MS 8-3-54

SACRAMENTO, CA 95814



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July 19, 2013

WOODWARD ACADEMY- 602300054  
1251 334TH STREET  
WOODWARD, IA 50276

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

**Capacity :** 249 male youth age 12-17

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that CDSS certification for Woodward Academy in Woodward, Iowa is continued through June 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**CCLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 8-3-54  
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<b>FACILITY NAME:</b>	WOODWARD ACADEMY	<b>FACILITY NUMBER:</b>	602300054
<b>ADMINISTRATOR:</b>	RYAN SANTI	<b>FACILITY TYPE:</b>	731
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	1251 334TH STREET	<b>TELEPHONE:</b>	(515) 438-3481
<b>CITY:</b>	WOODWARD	<b>STATE:</b>	IA
<b>CAPACITY:</b>	217	<b>ZIP CODE:</b>	50276
<b>TYPE OF VISIT:</b>	Case Management	<b>CENSUS:</b>	UNANNOUNCED
<b>MET WITH:</b>	Ryan Santi, Exec. Dir. + management team	<b>DATE:</b>	06/13/2013
		<b>TIME BEGAN:</b>	10:18 AM
		<b>TIME COMPLETED:</b>	04:30 PM

**NARRATIVE**

1 PURPOSE OF VISIT:  
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3 As mandated by California law, this visit was performed by the undersigned analyst with the California  
4 Department of Social Services (CDSS) on June 13, 2013. This annual evaluation is conducted for the  
5 purpose of recertification and to assure that the facility continues to:  
6 • have adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care, supervision  
7 and treatment services to youth in care.  
8 • remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations, as well as licensing  
9 laws and standards of the state the facility is located - in this case, the state Iowa.  
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11 CERTIFICATION HISTORY:  
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13 Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., Woodward Academy was initially certified by the  
14 CDSS June 26, 2008; and has been re-certified annually since.  
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16 FACILITY INFORMATION, BACKGROUND AND PROGRAM:  
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18 Woodward Academy is a residential treatment facility for male youth located in Woodward, Iowa which is  
19 approximately 25 miles northwest of Des Moines. Woodward Academy's official governing board is  
20 Woodward Youth Corporation, a non-profit organization established in 1995. The organization's aim is to  
21 redirect delinquent, negative behaviors to positive, socially acceptable patterns. Woodward's treatment  
22 philosophy focuses on behavioral and cognitive change through the establishment of a normative culture  
23 using a sociological and cognitive behavioral model. The campus is on the grounds of the Woodward  
24 Resource Center (property owned by the State of Iowa) and consists of residential halls, an educational  
25 complex, recreational space and faculties, and administrative offices. Meals are prepared and served in a  
centralized cafeteria although each residential hall has it's own basic kitchen "heat and serve" amenities.

**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:** 07/19/2013

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

**FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:**

*Original Signed by Ryan Santi*

**DATE:** 07/19/2013

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

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2 Youth are assigned to live in one of eight residential halls which add up to a maximum licensing capacity of  
3 249. Woodward also offers the following specialized programming: Sex Offender and 90 Day High Impact.  
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CA PLACEMENTS AND PLACING AGENCIES:

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7 At the time of this year's visit, there were 43 foster youth from California in Woodward's care placed by the  
8 following California placing agencies in the number indicated:  
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- 10 1. Imperial County Probation (1)  
11 2. Kern County Probation (3)  
12 3. Los Angeles County Probation (1)  
13 4. Riverside County Probation (1)  
14 5. Sacramento County Probation (11)  
15 6. San Diego County Probation (1)  
16 7. San Francisco County Social Services (1)  
17 8. San Francisco County Probation (6)  
18 9. San Joaquin County Probation (8)  
19 10. San Joaquin County Social Services (1)  
20 11. Sonoma County Human Services (1)  
21 12. Stanislaus County Probation (8)  
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IOWA LICENSING INFORMATION:

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26 As part of the re-certification process, licensing reports were collected from Iowa Licensing and the licensing  
27 surveyor was spoken with regarding the facility's status and compliance history. The facility is in good  
28 standing and there are no administrative actions pending. Reviewing the licensing reports reflect some minor  
29 licensing violations which have been corrected in a timely manner. As previously stated, the licensed capacity  
30 for the facility is currently 249. Each residential hall is licensed individually by the Iowa Department of Human  
31 Services as a "Community Residential" facility with the exception of Navigator Hall which is licensed as a  
32 "Comprehensive Residential" facility:

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1	<u>IOWA LICENSING INFORMATION (Continued)</u>	
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3	Expedition Hall	
4	Capacity: 31	
5	Date of Last Licensing Review: 9/28/2011	Status: Full three year license issued 9/1/2011
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7	Mountaineer Hall	
8	Capacity: 32	
9	Date of Last Licensing Review: 2/28/2013	Status: License effective 3/15/2013 - 9/1/2014
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11	Legacy Hall	
12	Capacity: 31	
13	Date of Last Licensing Review: 1/11/2013	Status: Full three year license issued 1/1/2013
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15	Delta Hall	
16	Capacity: 31	
17	Date of Last Licensing Review: 9/28/2011	Status: Full three year license issued 9/1/2011
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19	Pathfinder Hall	
20	Capacity: 31	
21	Date of Last Licensing Review: 9/28/2011	Status: Full three year license issued 9/1/2011
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23	Navigator Hall	
24	Capacity: 31	
25	Date of Last Licensing Review: 9/28/2011	Status: Full three year license issued 9/1/2012
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27	Victory Hall	
28	Capacity: 31	
29	Date of Last Licensing Review: 10/5/2012	Status: Full three year license issued 9/1/2012
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31	Triumph Hall	
32	Capacity: 31	
	Date of Last Licensing Review: 9/28/2011	Status: Full three year license issued 9/1/2011

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FIRE CLEARANCE

Fire clearance documentation reflects that all living units as well as the Education Center, Education Annex and the Anderson Living Center were last inspected on 5/16/2012 and found to comply with fire hazard policies, rules, regulations and standards promulgated by the Iowa State Fire Marshall.

FOOD SERVICE

Food service and dining amenities are operated out of a centralized kitchen on the Woodward Resource Center grounds which is under the oversight of the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, Food and Consumer Safety Bureau. A food service inspection was last conducted on May 1, 2013. Two violations were noted which were corrected at the time of inspection.

ACCREDITATIONS:

Woodward is accredited by the Joint Commission (Behavioral Health Care Accreditation Program.) Accreditation was last issued May 7, 2011 and is customarily valid for up to 39 months.

School accreditation is by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT/EMERGENCY INTERVENTION RELATED:

Woodward staff are trained in JKM Training, Inc., "Safe Crisis Management." Training is provided in non-physical interventions (de-escalation strategies) as well as physical intervention. The facility practices physical intervention escorts and restraints only when the client is non-responsive to non-physical interventions and is continuing to present as a danger to themselves or others. There are numerous staff at the facility who are trained as trainers and who train the other staff. Training certifications are up to date.

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SCOPE OF RE-CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance and exit interview with Ryan Santi, Executive Director; Trenton Fleshner, Group Living Director and other members of the management team.
- Collection of updated and current organizational and program information.
- Walk through tour of residential halls and numerous other buildings on campus.
- Discussion on serious incident reporting, personal rights and AB 12.
- Client interviews (4)

FINDINGS, COMMENTS, PLAN OF CORRECTION:

Facility and the programming offered appear to be in substantial compliance. No deficiencies are being cited.

In the near future, the facility will need to make a decision concerning the care of non-minor dependents (youth who are 18 years of age.) New California interim licensing standards have been developed and are in effect for this age cohort which differ from some of the standards and expectations relative to youth under 18. If a decision is made to continue to serve youth once they turn 18, an addendum to their program statement will need to be drafted and submitted to the CDSS by August 1, 2013 which illustrates an understanding of the non-minor dependent regulations and how they will be complied with.

Re-certify through June 2014.

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