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SACRAMENTO, CA 95814



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July 31, 2014

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 Mingus Mountain Academy in Prescott Valley, AZ is continued through May 2015.

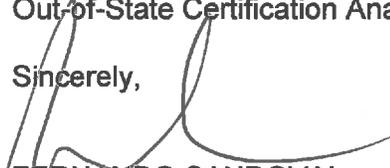
California licensing standards require that all serious incidents continue to be reported to CDSS Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit for each child in care regardless of whether he or she is a California placement. Incident reporting shall include the following:

- 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) 654-0118, or Carol Lancaster, Out-of-State Certification Analyst, at (916) 838-5751.

Sincerely,


FERNANDO SANDOVAL
Staff Services Manager II
Community Care Licensing Division
Children's Residential Program

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORTCCLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 8-3-54
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

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:	114	ZIP CODE:	86312
TYPE OF VISIT:	Case Management	CENSUS:	111
MET WITH:	Jessica Hines, Quality Assurance Director; Jose Toro, Human Resources Director	ANNOUNCED	
		DATE:	04/23/2014
		TIME BEGAN:	09:40 AM
		TIME COMPLETED:	03:45 PM

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25PURPOSE OF VISIT:

Annual on-site re-certification visit pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al.

CERTIFICATION HISTORY:

Mingus Mountain Academy was initially certified by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division (CDSS-CCLD) as an out-of-state group home provider in June of 2008 and has been re-certified annually since.

POPULATION SERVED, FACILITY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Mingus Mountain Academy (MMA,) founded in 1985, provides residential care and treatment to adolescent females ages 12-17 with emotional, mental health and conduct disorder issues. MMA has four facilities in Arizona. Care and treatment typically begins at the 114 bed Academy that is the subject of this report. MMA also has three smaller satellite facilities located in nearby cities which offer "step-down" care - - Emily, Whitefeather and Farrington Houses (7, 8 and 9 beds respectively.)

The Academy is located on a rural 120 acre campus-like setting within a high dessert, mountainous region of Arizona, approximately 20 miles south of the city of Prescott Valley, Arizona. The girls live in one of five dormitories located on the campus. Also located on the campus is: A school/educational center, a medical/clinical complex, administrative offices and space, a spiritual growth center (chapel); a large commercial kitchen/food service operation with an adjacent dining area; and numerous other areas and space allowing for both indoor and outdoor physical fitness and intramural activities. Additionally, the facility has horses, stables, a barn and riding corrals and offers an equine program.

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: Fernando Sandoval**TELEPHONE:** (916) 654-0118**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Carol Lancaster**TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5751**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:***Original Signed by Carol Lancaster***DATE:** 07/30/2014

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:** 07/30/2014

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

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING DIVISION
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FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)**

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POPULATION SERVED, FACILITY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:

(NOTE: For a complete description and overview of MMA, its program, purpose, methods and goals, reference the initial certification report of June 26, 2008.)

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

There have not been any significant changes organizationally, programmatically or physical plant wise over the last certification period.

CALIFORNIA PLACEMENTS & PLACING AGENCIES:

At the time of visit, there were 15 CA foster youth placed in the facility by the following CA social services and probation agencies in the number indicated:

Alameda County Probation (1); Riverside County Probation (1); San Diego County Probation (2); San Bernardino County Probation (4); San Francisco County Probation (3); Santa Barbara County Probation (1); San Luis Obispo County Probation (1); Santa Clara County Social Services (1); Stanislaus County Probation (1).

In addition to California youth, MMA has youth in placement from the following other states: Arizona, Hawaii, Washington state and Washington, D.C.

AZ STATE LICENSING REPORTS / COMPLAINTS:

Since last year's CDSS re-certification, Arizona Licensing (Department of Health Services) has instituted changes that have resulted in Mingus Mountain's (and other like facilities) being reclassified from Residential Treatment Centers to Behavioral Health Inpatient Facilities. The facility's new license (Lic #IFBH6441) reflects this change and was issued on April 18, 2014 (valid from May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015.) Along with the license type change, the facility is having to comply with some new standards which will be phased into the physical plant as well as their plan of operation over the next two years. It is not anticipated that changes implemented will impact the facility's CDSS certification.

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32AZ STATE LICENSING REPORTS / COMPLAINTS: (Continued)

An inquiry of Arizona Licensing records reflects that there was one licensing investigation during the last CDSS certification period. The investigation stemmed from two separate incidents that occurred in August and September 2013 respectively, which subsequently resulted in two staff supervision related deficiencies/violations being cited. Mingus Mountain was reported to have responded adequately with a plan of correction that was found to be acceptable.

FIRE SAFETY:

The facility undergoes a fire inspection every three years which is required under DHS licensing standards. The last inspection was conducted May 2, 2013. No violations were noted.

Fire drills are done once monthly, one on each shift. Examination of fire drill logs supported this.

ACCREDITATIONS AND OTHER OVERSIGHT AGENCY INFORMATION:

MMA is accredited by the Joint Commission and meets the requirements for the Behavioral Health Care Accreditation Program. Accreditation was last issued May 25, 2013 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.

Youth in care at MMA attend their private on-grounds school which is certified or accredited by the following:

- AZ Dept of Education
- CA Dept of Education
- North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement

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32CRISIS/EMERGENCY INTERVENTION STAFF TRAINING:

As part of their initial staff training, MMA staff are trained in the Handle with Care behavior management system. This system includes the utilization of physical holds/restraints when certain criteria is met. MMA has seven staff members certified as trainers who train the remainder of their staff. Trainer certificates were up to date - - all good through January 2015. Evidence of being a trainer or being a course participant is maintained in individual staff files.

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance interview and facility briefing with Jessica Hines, Quality Assurance Director and Jose Toro, Human Resources Director.
- Collection and discussion of updated and current organizational and program information material.
- Physical Plant tour
- Two client files audited
- Two staff files audited
- Exit interview.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Facility appeared clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair. No deficiencies noted.

Re-certify through April 2015.

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