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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 : **118** Population served: **Female youth age 12-17**

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is notification that certification for Mingus Mountain Academy in Prescott Valley, AZ is continued through July 2016.

Certification will be re-reviewed annually or more often should non-compliance with California Title 22 licensing standards as they apply to California Group homes become questionable or at issue. Additionally, serious incidents must be reported to the CDSS Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit for each child in care regardless of whether he 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

While certified, 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 Certification Analyst Carol Lancaster at (916) 838-5751.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by

Marisa Sanchez, Manager I
Children's Residential Program
Community Care Licensing

C: Monica Jackson, Manager and Deputy Compact Administrator, Out-of-State Placement and 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:	118 NP C.L.	ZIP CODE:	86312
TYPE OF VISIT:	Case Management	CENSUS:	116
MET WITH:	Vince Moser, Exec. Director; Jessica Hines, Quality Assurance Director; Jose Toro, Human Resources Director; Ginger Flaumenhafts, School Principal; Frankie Reddick-Gibson, Clinical Director; Jesse Hans, Asst. Group Living Director	UNANNOUNCED	DATE: 07/30/2015
		TIME BEGAN:	09:20 AM
		TIME COMPLETED:	04:06 PM

NARRATIVE

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2 PURPOSE OF VISIT:
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4 Analyst Carol Lancaster conducted an annual on-site re-certification inspection pursuant to California Family
5 Code Section 7911 et al. on July 30, 2015.
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7 CERTIFICATION HISTORY:
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9 Mingus Mountain Academy was initially certified by the California Department of Social Services, Community
10 Care Licensing Division (CDSS-CCLD) as an out-of-state group home in June of 2008 and has been
11 re-certified annually since.
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13 POPULATION SERVED, FACILITY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:
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15 Mingus Mountain Academy (MMA,) founded in 1985, provides residential care and treatment to adolescent
16 females ages 12-17 with emotional, mental health and conduct disorder issues. MMA has four facilities in
17 Arizona. Care and treatment typically begins at the 118 bed Academy that is the subject of this report. MMA
18 also has three smaller satellite facilities located in nearby cities which offer "step-down" care - - Emily,
19 Whitefeather and Farrington Houses (7, 8 and 9 beds respectively).
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21 The Academy is located on a rural 120 acre campus-like setting within a high dessert, mountainous region of
22 Arizona, approximately 20 miles south of the city of Prescott Valley, Arizona. The girls live in one of five
23 dormitories located on the campus. Also located on the campus is: A school/educational center, a
24 medical/clinical complex, administrative offices and space, a spiritual growth center (chapel); a large
25 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: Marisa Lopez**TELEPHONE:** (916) 651-0631**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Carol Lancaster**TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5751**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 01/12/2016

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

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:**DATE:** 01/12/2016

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

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1 POPULATION SERVED, FACILITY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:
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3 *(NOTE: For a complete description and overview of MMA, its program, purpose, methods and goals,*
4 *reference the initial certification report of June 26, 2008.)*
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7 FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT, PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW AND CHANGES:
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9 Since last year's inspection, the facility has added four beds in Willow dorm, raising the total number of facility
10 beds from 114 to 118. Both CDSS and Arizona Licensing's requirements related to physical plant changes
11 and a capacity increase were complied with throughout the process.
12
13 In addition to adding four beds, the facility is continuing to make changes in relation to new Arizona licensing
14 standards which require MMA and other like facilities to make certain upgrades in order to meet certain
15 new, and higher, health and safety standards. AZ Licensing has allowed two years for the upgrades to be
16 completed and MMA has satisfactorily complied. The changes required predominantly called for the facility to
17 retrofit and replace certain fixtures and items with "anti-ligature" ones (e.g., modified shower heads, door
18 knobs, lights, sprinkler heads, breakaway curtain rods, etc.) - - the intent being to reduce clients from utilizing
19 same in self-harming and suicide attempts.
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21 CALIFORNIA PLACEMENTS & PLACING AGENCIES:
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23 At the time of visit, there were 15 CA foster youth placed in the facility by the following CA social services and
24 probation agencies in the number indicated:
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26 Alameda County Probation (1); Riverside County Probation (1); San Diego County Probation (2); San
27 Bernardino County Probation (4); San Francisco County Probation (3); Santa Barbara County Probation (1);
28 San Luis Obispo County Probation (1); Santa Clara County Social Services (1); Stanislaus County Probation
29 (1).
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31 In addition to California foster placements, MMA has several other CA youth in placement who are
32 educational/mental health based placements or post-adoption placements. The following other states
additionally have children placed at MMA: Arizona, Nevada, Michigan, Nebraska, Minnesota, Oregon, New
Mexico, Texas and South Dakota.

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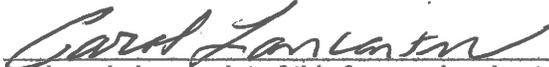
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2 AZ STATE LICENSING REPORTS / COMPLAINTS:
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4 During the last couple of years, Arizona Licensing (Department of Health Services) has instituted changes
5 that have resulted in MMA being reclassified from a "Residential Treatment Center" to a "Behavioral Health
6 Inpatient Facility." (Note: MMA's other three facilities, commonly known as the step-down or satellite homes,
7 remain classified as RTCs.)
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9 The facility's most recent license (Lic #IFBH6441) was issued on May 1, 2015. The license is good for one
10 year (expires April 30, 2016.)
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12 Since CDSS' last re-certification visit, there have not been any known deficiencies cited by Arizona Licensing
13 or any complaint investigations resulting in substantiated findings.
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15 FIRE SAFETY:
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17 Arizona Licensing standards require a fire inspection every three years -- the last being conducted May 2,
18 2013. However, because there were changes to the physical plant during the last year (four bed expansion
19 on Willow dorm,) an inspection of Willow dorm by Central Yavapai Fire District authorities was conducted. No
20 deficiencies cited.
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22 OTHER AGENCY OVERSIGHT AND ACCREDITATION INFORMATION:
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24 The facility has a large commercial type kitchen and cafeteria in one of the many buildings on campus where
25 food is stored, meals are prepared and clients are served. Food and meal service is under the authority of
26 Yavapai County Community Health Services, Environmental Health Unit. A "Foodservice Establishment
27 Inspection Report" was collected as part of this re-certification visit and reflected an inspection last being
28 conducted on May 6, 2015. No violations were cited in the report.
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30 The facility has an on-grounds school that is attended by MMA clients in residential care both on and off
31 campus. This means that in addition to the clients who live on this main campus, clients who live in the two
32 MMA satellite homes in the Prescott (Valley) area do as well. The school is certified/accredited by both the
Arizona and California Departments of Education, as well as the North Central Association Commission of
Accreditation and School Improvement.

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2 MMA is also accredited by the Joint Commission as meeting requirements for their Behavioral Health Care
3 Accreditation Program. Accreditation was last issued May 25, 2013 and is valid for 39 months.
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5 CRISIS/EMERGENCY INTERVENTION STAFF TRAINING:
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7 MMA staff are trained in and use the "Handle with Care" behavior management system. This system includes
8 the utilization of physical holds/restraints when certain criteria is met and clients are presenting a danger to
9 themselves or others. MMA has eight staff members certified as trainers who train the remainder of their staff.
10 Trainer certificates were up to date -- all good through January 2016. Evidence of being a trainer or being a
11 course participant is maintained in individual staff files. Staff receive their initial training and certification just
12 after being hired and are provided with on-going training in order to maintain their certification status.
13 Physical holds and escorts are reported properly as required by the CDSS.
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15 SCOPE OF RE-CERTIFICATION VISIT/REVIEW:
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17 ● Entrance Interview (The following were in attendance: Vince Moser, Exec. Director; Jessica Hines,
18 Quality Assurance Director; Jose Toro, Human Resources Director; Ginger Flaumenhafts, School
19 Principal; Frankie Reddick-Gibson, Clinical Director; Jesse Hans, Asst. Group Living Director)
20 ● Collection and discussion of updated and current organizational and program information material.
21 ● Facility tour conducted -- both buildings and grounds.
22 ● Two client files reviewed; same two clients interviewed.
23 ● Three staff files reviewed: Pre-employment physical, T.B. test, background clearance and First Aid and
24 CPR certification and other training received was the focus.
25 ● Facility's staff training plan and practices discussed.
26 ● Fire drill log reviewed.
27 ● Exit interview.
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29 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION:
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31 Facility appeared clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair. Facility deemed to be in substantial compliance
32 with both CA and AZ licensing standards and requirements. No deficiencies. Re-certification recommended.

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