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November 27, 2013

MINGUS MOUNTAIN ACADEMY - WHITEFEATHER HOME-  
602300076  
PO BOX 26485  
PRESCOT VALLEY, AZ 86312

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

**Capacity : 8 female youth, ages \*12-17 (\*Certification for non-minor dependents pending.)**

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that initial certification for Mingus Mountain Academy, Whitefeather Home, located at 2430 W. Whitefeather Lane, Phoenix, Arizona, 85085, is approved.

CDSS certification is contingent on the facility remaining in compliance with California Title 22 licensing standards as they apply to California group homes, which includes all serious incidents being reported to the 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 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) 838-5751.

Sincerely,

CAROL LANCASTER  
Certification Evaluator

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

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

<b>FACILITY NAME:</b>	MINGUS MOUNTAIN ACADEMY - WHITEFEATHER HOME	<b>FACILITY NUMBER:</b>	602300076
<b>ADMINISTRATOR:</b>	MICHAEL MACFARLAND	<b>FACILITY TYPE:</b>	731
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	2430 W. WHITEFEATHER LANE	<b>TELEPHONE:</b>	(602) 335-2000
<b>CITY:</b>	PHOENIX	<b>STATE:</b> AZ	<b>ZIP CODE:</b> 85085
<b>CAPACITY:</b>	8	<b>CENSUS:</b> 3	<b>DATE:</b> 11/26/2013
<b>TYPE OF VISIT:</b>	Case Management	<b>ANNOUNCED</b>	<b>TIME BEGAN:</b> 10:02 AM
<b>MET WITH:</b>	Mike McFarland, Executive Director; Jessica Hines, Quality Assurance; Amber Gerdtz, Team Leader	<b>TIME COMPLETED:</b>	01:18 PM

**NARRATIVE**

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2 Initial certification visit conducted on today's date by the undersigned CDSS evaluator pursuant to California  
3 Family Code Section 7911 et al.  
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5 This is the fourth Mingus Mountain facility certified by the CDSS in the state of Arizona. The 80-bed Mingus  
6 Mountain Academy located in Prescott Valley typically serves as the entry point for adolescent female youth  
7 entrusted to MMA's care and treatment; the Emily and Farrington Houses serve as satellite homes offering  
8 step-down care; and the Whitefeather House offers even a less restrictive environment designed to  
9 reintegrate clients into the community. While placed there, clients may continue working on completing high  
10 school (or preparing for the GED,) and/or may seek employment in the community or attend college or  
11 vocational school.  
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13 Whitefeather House is a two-story single family dwelling located in a suburban neighborhood north of  
14 Phoenix. The house has four bedrooms and two and a half baths and was recently licensed by the Arizona  
15 Department of Health Services, Division of Licensing Services as a Level 2 Behavioral Health Residential  
16 Agency on September 16, 2013. The home was fire cleared by City of Phoenix Fire Prevention authorities on  
17 July 17, 2013. It has a fire sprinkler and emergency lighting system. This analyst tested the smoke detectors  
18 throughout the house and all were functioning.  
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20 The home is adequately supplied and furnished as well as nicely decorated. The AZ license and personal  
21 rights were posted and there was an ample food supply and the weekly menu was posted on the refrigerator.  
22 Medications, cleaning supplies and anything hazardous was kept in locked storage.  
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24 There are currently three adolescent females from Arizona living in the home. As of today, the home's CDSS  
25 certification is approved for California foster youth.

**SUPERVISOR'S NAME:** Mei Yuk Kung**TELEPHONE:** (916) 327-8763**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Carol Lancaster**TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5751**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 11/27/2013

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:** 11/27/2013

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