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

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

Capacity : 8 female youth, ages 14-17

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that CDSS certification for Mingus Mountain Academy, Whitefeather Home, located at 2430 W. Whitefeather Lane, Phoenix, Arizona, 85085, is continued through June 2015.

CDSS certification is contingent on the facility continuing to remain in substantial 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) 651-5380, 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

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

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

FACILITY NAME:	MINGUS MOUNTAIN ACADEMY - WHITEFEATHER HOME	FACILITY NUMBER:	602300076
ADMINISTRATOR:	MICHAEL MCFARLAND	FACILITY TYPE:	731
ADDRESS:	2430 W. WHITEFEATHER LANE	TELEPHONE:	(602) 335-2000
CITY:	PHOENIX	STATE:	AZ
CAPACITY:	8	ZIP CODE:	85085
TYPE OF VISIT:	Case Management (Re Cert)	CENSUS:	8
MET WITH:	Jessica Hines, Quality Assurance Director	UNANNOUNCED	
		DATE:	04/22/2014
		TIME BEGAN:	01:29 PM
		TIME COMPLETED:	03:15 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 Whitefeather House was initially certified by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division (CDSS-CCLD) as an out-of-state group home on November 26, 2013.

POPULATION SERVED, FACILITY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Mingus Mountain Academy (MMA) serves emotionally and behaviorally at-risk adolescent females ages 12-17.

This is the fourth and newest MMA facility. The 114-bed Academy program, located in Prescott Valley approximately 90 miles away, typically serves as the entry point for youth entrusted to MMA's care. Step-down care into one of three smaller satellite homes is then offered, one of which is the Whitefeather House. Of the three step-down facilities, Whitefeather House offers the least restrictive environment - - the focus being ongoing support and transitional living skills leading to reintegration back into the community. While here, clients continue working on completing high school (or preparing for the GED,) may attend college or vocational school and may seek employment and hold a job in the community.

Whitefeather House is a two-story single family dwelling located in a suburban neighborhood north of Phoenix. The house has four bedrooms and two and a half baths. The group home, licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Licensing Services as a Level 2 Behavioral Health Residential Agency, received it's license to operate in Arizona on September 16, 2013. This license is good through August 31, 2014. The home was fire cleared by City of Phoenix Fire Prevention authorities on July 17, 2013. It has a fire sprinkler and emergency lighting system.

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: Fernando Sandoval**TELEPHONE:** (916) 654-0118**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Carol Lancaster**TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5751**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 06/02/2014

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:** 06/02/2014

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

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)FACILITY NAME: MINGUS MOUNTAIN ACADEMY -
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VISIT DATE: 04/22/2014

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32**CALIFORNIA PLACING AGENCIES:**

The facility's licensing/certification capacity is eight. Census on today's date is eight. Of the eight female youth in care, four are California placements of the following agencies: Alameda County Probation (2); Marin County Probation (1); Sacramento County Social Services (1).

SCOPE OF VISIT:

- Entrance and exit interview with MMA Quality Assurance Director Jessica Hines.
- Home toured -- inside and out

FINDINGS

- Condition of the home is very good -- Clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair both inside and out. Neighborhood and home look to be 10 years old or less. Is well furnished, equipped and supplied.
- Food supply adequate; menu observed to be posted on refrigerator.
- Arizona license, client personal rights and miscellaneous other material posted on large bulletin board in the front room.
- Facility sketches illustrating exit routes in case of fire or other emergencies were observed to be posted throughout home.
- Chemicals, "sharps", medications and client records are being stored appropriately in locked locations.
- First aid kit present and accounted for as were emergency numbers.
- Fire drills are being done monthly -- one on each shift.
- Numerous smoke detectors were throughout the house including each bedroom. All were tested and determined to be functioning. Home also has a hard-wired professional system.

RECOMMENDATION:

Re-certify.

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