

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



January 4, 2000

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 00-04

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
 ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
 ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
 ALL COUNTY ICPC LIAISONS
 ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICES
 ALL ADOPTION FIELD OFFICES

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Changes
- Federal Law or Regulations Change
- Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: RESCINDING AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE FOSTER CARE FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA CHILDREN PLACED AT CINNAMON HILLS YOUTH CRISIS CENTER, UTAH

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) conducted reviews of Cinnamon Hills Youth Crisis Center. It was determined that Cinnamon Hills Youth Crisis Center did not comply with the conditions of the provisional certification and numerous violations of California licensing standards continued to exist. As a result, Cinnamon Hills Youth Crisis Center's application for out-of-state group home certification was denied. Should placing agencies desire a copy of the CDSS's report of findings, please telephone Ms. Linda Inglett, Manager, Out-of-State Certification Unit, at (916) 229-4500.

Under the authority of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and as the Title IV-E single state agency authority, CDSS suspended, effective December 22, 1999, any **new** Interstate Compact placements from California to Cinnamon Hills Youth Crisis Center. In addition, CDSS rescinded authorization to use public funds (county/state/federal) effective February 1, 2000, for California children currently in placement at Cinnamon Hills Youth Crisis Center.

On December 22, 1999, California placing agencies were advised by telephone and in writing of this decision. California placing agencies will be developing plans for the safe return of California's children no later than February 1, 2000. Placing agencies who have been contacted include: Butte, Imperial, Marin, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo and Sonoma County Departments of Probation and Butte, Riverside and San Diego County Departments of Social Services.

Pursuant to All County Letter 99-41 dated June 14, 1999, out-of-state group home placements made by adoptive parents and funded through the Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) and children who are seriously emotionally disturbed and placed pursuant to California Government Code Section 7570 et al. are not impacted by the certification process.

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As a result of this action, counties may no longer claim costs on any of the County Assistance Claims for New Placements at this facility effective December 22, 1999. Counties may no longer claim costs for existing placements at this facility effective February 1, 1999. Any county that does not comply will be at risk of future audit exceptions.

Attached for your convenience is a revised "Certification" list. Should you desire additional information, please telephone Ms. Marika Wolf, Deputy Compact Administrator and Manager, Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit, at (916) 323-1000.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Acting Deputy Director and
Compact Administrator

Attachment

c: CWDA
CPOC
Judicial Council

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**OUT-OF-STATE GROUP HOMES
CERTIFICATION LIST
Updated January 4, 2000**

Authorized Pending Certification

- Chileda Institute (Wisconsin)
- Christie School (Oregon)
- Church of God Children's Home (North Carolina)
- Devereux (*Victoria*, Texas)
- Nashua Child Center (New Hampshire)
- New Hope Treatment Centers (South Carolina)
- Normative Services (Wyoming)

Certified

- Excelsior Youth Centers, Inc. (Colorado)
- Glen Mills (Pennsylvania)
- Heritage Schools, Inc. (Utah)
- Rite of Passage--except the Remote Treatment Campus, (Nevada)
- Vision Quest (Arizona)