

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



January 4, 2000

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 00-05

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: (1) CERTIFICATION AWARDED TO EXCELSIOR YOUTH CENTERS, INC., COLORADO
 (2) RESCINDING AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE FOSTER CARE FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA CHILDREN PLACED IN RAINDANCER YOUTH SERVICES, INC., UTAH

(1) EXCELSIOR, COLORADO

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., Excelsior Youth Centers, Inc., Colorado, was officially certified effective November 1, 1999, as meeting California group home licensing standards. This certification was contingent upon full implementation of Excelsior Youth Centers, Inc.'s plan of correction, which was implemented as of November 1, 1999. Therefore, counties may use federal, state and local funds for children currently placed in this facility. Counties will be notified of any changes to the certification status of Excelsior Youth Centers, Inc. Should placing agencies desire a copy of the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) review and Excelsior Youth Center, Inc.'s plan of correction, please telephone Ms. Linda Inglett, Manager, Out-of-State Certification Unit, at (916) 229-4500.

Certification will be reviewed annually.

(2) RAINDANCER, UTAH

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) conducted an investigation at Raindancer Youth Services, Inc., Utah, and determined that numerous violations of California licensing standards were found. As a result of this investigation, Raindancer Youth Services, Inc.'s application for out-of-state group home certification was denied. Should placing agencies desire a copy of the CDSS's review of Raindancer Youth Services, Inc., please telephone Ms. Linda Inglett, Manager, Out-of-State Certification Unit, at (916) 229-4500.

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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 October 7, 1999, any new Interstate Compact placements from California in this facility. There are no California children currently at Raindancer Youth Services, Inc.

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 October 7, 1999. Any county that does not comply will be at risk of future audit exceptions.

Be advised that failure to obtain certification precludes placement of California children by county social services or probation departments. However, children who are seriously emotionally disturbed and placed pursuant to California Government Code Section 7570 et al. are not impacted by the certification process.

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

California Department of Social Services
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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)