

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



July 21, 2000

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 00-47

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

SUBJECT: GLEN MILLS SCHOOLS
 CONCORDVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

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

By way of letter dated June 22, 2000, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) notified Glen Mills Schools that its Out-of-State Group Home Certification will be discontinued effective August 12, 2000.

The Out-of-State Certification Team conducted a complaint investigation at Glen Mills Schools April 9-13, 2000. Interviews were also conducted with California youth that previously were in placement at Glen Mills Schools. The investigation resulted in findings of numerous violations of California licensing standards. Based upon these findings, CDSS determined that Glen Mills Schools is not operating in compliance with California group home requirements. If you would like a copy of the findings, please telephone Ms. Linda Inglett, Manager, CDSS' Out-of-State Certification Unit at (916) 229-4500.

Discontinuance of out-of-state group home certification precludes the use of public funds (county/State/federal) for children placed at Glen Mills Schools by California county social services agencies and probation departments. The affected 28 California children must be relocated no later than August 12, 2000. The following California placement agencies received a copy of CDSS' letter to Glen Mills Schools dated June 22, 2000:

Marin County Probation Department
 Sacramento County Probation Department
 San Bernardino County Probation Department
 San Francisco County Probation Department
 San Joaquin County Probation Department
 Santa Clara County Probation Department

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As a result of this action, counties may no longer claim costs on any of the County Assistance Claims for existing or new placements at this facility effective August 12, 2000. Any county that does not comply will be at risk of future audit exceptions.

Out-of-state group home placements made by adoptive parents and funded through the Adoption Assistance Program and children who are seriously emotionally disturbed and placed pursuant to California Government Code Section 75760 et al. are not impacted by the certification process.

Enclosed 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,

SYLVIA PIZZINI, Deputy Director
Children and Family Services Division

Enclosure

OUT-OF-STATE GROUP HOMES

**CERTIFIED BY
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

July 14, 2000

Rite of Passage (Nevada)

Vision Quest (Arizona)

Excelsior (Colorado)

Nashua (New Hampshire)

Normative Services (Wyoming)

St. Augustine Youth Services (Florida)

Glen Mills (Pennsylvania) - Certification discontinued effective August 12, 2000