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December 7, 2009

Ms. Joan Gabrielson,
Excelsior Youth Center
15001 East Oxford Ave.
Aurora, CO 80014

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

Dear Ms. Gabrielson:

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that the certification by the California Department of Social Services of Excelsior Youth Center located at: 15001 E. Oxford Ave, Aurora CO is continued through November 2010.

Certification will be reviewed annually. The Out-of-State Certification Unit (OSCU) will be honoring the Department's policy of having inspection authority to make visits with or without appointment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me, Olaniyan Akyeem at (916) 838-5875

Sincerely,

OLANIYAN AKYEEM
Out-of-State Certification Analyst

c: Rosalind Hyde, Manager and Deputy Compact Administrator, Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

FACILITY NAME: EXCELSIOR YOUTH CENTER	FACILITY NUMBER: 602300013
ADMINISTRATOR: JOAN GABRIELSON	FACILITY TYPE: 731
ADDRESS: 15001 EAST OXFORD AVENUE	TELEPHONE: (303) 693-1550
CITY: AURORA	STATE: CO
CAPACITY: 176	ZIP CODE: 80014
TYPE OF VISIT: Case Management	CENSUS: 156
MET WITH: Elaine Atwater, Quality Improvement Director	DATE: 12/01/2009
	UNANNOUNCED
	TIME BEGAN: 09:30 AM
	TIME COMPLETED: 05:00 PM

NARRATIVE

1 PURPOSE OF VISIT:
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3 Excelsior Youth Center (EYC) is seeking re-certification as mandated by California law. The
4 purpose of this visit was to verify the facility's compliance with California licensing standards
5 governing children's residential group homes, as well as remaining in compliance with applicable
6 laws, regulations and standards within their own state.
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9 CALIFORNIA PLACEMENTS AND PLACING AGENCIES:
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11 At the time of visit, the total census for California youth was 13. EYC is currently contracted with
12 eight (8) California county Social Services agencies ranging from northern, central and southern
13 California. These counties are as follows: Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, Santa Clara, San Luis
14 Obispo, Sonoma, Ventura and Yolo counties.
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17 FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT AND PROGRAM REVIEW AND CHANGES:
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19 An inspection of the campus grounds and residential living units was conducted at the time of this
20 review. All furniture and equipment appeared to be functional and in good repair.
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22 Excelsior has no significant changes in the current program since last year.
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25 (See LIC 809 C continued)

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: Mei Yuk Kung **TELEPHONE:** (916) 327-8763
LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME: Olaniyan Akyeem **TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5875
LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:
 **DATE:** 12/01/2009

I acknowledge receipt of this form and understand my licensing appeal rights as explained and received.
FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:
 **DATE:** 12/01/2009

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

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1 (LIC 809 C continued)

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3 FIRE CLEARANCE:

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5 The most recent fire clearance was conducted on 8/27/09 by the Aurora Fire Department of Colorado. All
6 components related to the physical structures and equipment was inspected resulting in five fire code
7 violations. As of 10/15/2009 a follow-up fire inspection report indicated that all five violations have been
8 corrected. No other violations were found.

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10 LOCAL STATE LICENSING / COMPLAINTS ISSUES:

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12 The Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care conducted an annual review of EYC on
13 June 30, 2009. The inspection revealed nine areas of licensing violations mostly related to record keeping.
14 On July 2, 2009 a Corrective Plan of Action was provided to address all deficiencies.

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16 In the last year, EYC has had five substantiated allegations by the State of Colorado and/or at the County
17 level. The complaints are as follows: 3/12/09 failure to Report incident; 5/25/09 medication accountability/
18 procedures while on home passes; 6/18/09 inappropriate use of restraint resulting in injury as result of
19 restraint during an AWOL attempt; 6/26/09 restrained procedures, youth restrained on pavement; 7/24/09
20 impeding an investigation; 8/13/09 un-justified use of restraint and 8/23/09 Lack of supervision.

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22 On 12/1/2009, contact was made with the Colorado licensing representative who reported that EYC is
23 currently operating at full licensing status as of this date, there is no administrative and/or legal action pending
24 against the current license. Licensing representative explained that the Department is currently undergoing
25 some revisions and although licenses are renewed every two years, it is noted that several visits to EYC have
26 occurred since last year to address the above substantiated complaint issues.

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29 (See LIC 809-C continued)

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NARRATIVE1 (LIC 809 C continued)
23 TREATMENT SERVICES (COUNSELING, GROUPS, THERAPY, ETC):
45 Students report that weekly groups and individual counseling sessions are occurring on a regular
6 basis. All students reported that they have an assigned therapist who they meet with 1-2 times per
7 week, and have a designated counselor on the units. No issues of concern related to treatment
8 services.
910 SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:
1112 Certification review covered the following areas: programming, intake and discharge procedures,
13 discipline policy, emergency intervention techniques, medical procedures, facility file review, staff
14 and client interviews, observation of program and daily activities, criminal record review, personal
15 rights, food services, staff trainings, emergency disaster plan, fire clearance, and all issues
16 pertaining to physical plant.
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1819 OUT-OF-STATE CERTIFICATION FINDINGS, VIOLATIONS AND PLAN OF CORRECTION:
2021 None deficiencies noted.
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2324 CERTIFICATION DECISION: Recommend Re-certification
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