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November 29, 2010

Mr. Rick Losasso, President and CEO
George Junior Republic
P.O. Box 1058
Grove City, PA 16127

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

Dear Mr. Losasso:

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that the George Junior Republic out-of-state certification by California Department of Social Services is extended through October 31, 2011.

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 contact me 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:	GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLICAN IN PENNSYLVANIA	FACILITY NUMBER:	602300028
ADMINISTRATOR:	LASASSO, RICK	FACILITY TYPE:	731
ADDRESS:	P.O. BOX 1058	TELEPHONE:	(724) 458-9330
CITY:	GROVE CITY	STATE: PA	ZIP CODE: 16127
CAPACITY:	470	CENSUS: 501	DATE: 11/17/2010
TYPE OF VISIT:	Case Management - Annual Continuation	UNANNOUNCED	TIME BEGAN: 10:00 AM
MET WITH:	Andrea Donatucci, Director of Admissions	TIME COMPLETED:	05:00 PM

NARRATIVE

1 PURPOSE OF VISIT
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3 George Junior Republic (GJR) is seeking re-certification with the State of California, Department of Social
4 Services, Community Care Licensing Division, Out-of-State Certification Unit. The purpose of this visit is to
5 verify the facility is in compliance with California Group Home Licensing Standards in order to become
6 re-certified.
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8 CALIFORNIA PLACING AGENCIES:
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10 At the time of visit, the overall census was 501. There are currently two California placing agencies
11 contracted for services which are as follows; San Francisco and Sacramento Counties. During the time of
12 visit, there were a total of twelve (12) California youth in placement.
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14 FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT AND PROGRAM REVIEW CHANGES:
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16 A tour of the GJR campus was conducted which included a re-visit to the new Intensive Supervision Unit
17 (ISU). The program is now fully operational and currently houses 11 Youth. Note: There is currently a
18 waiting list for this for unit.
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20 Inspection approvals for the new ISU building were also provided by both the Pine Township Engine Company
21 and Building Code Official of Pennsylvania. The most recent fire inspection was conducted by the Pine
22 Township Engine Company of Grove City on November 17, 2009. All areas of deficiency have since been
23 corrected. All buildings, grounds, furniture, fixtures and equipment appeared to be safe, clean and in good
24 repair. No issues of concern. (See LIC 809 C continued)
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TELEPHONE: (916) 327-8763

LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME: Olaniyan Akyeem

TELEPHONE: (916) 838-5875

LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:



DATE: 11/17/2010

I acknowledge receipt of this form and understand my licensing appeal rights as explained and received.

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:



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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 continued
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3 OUT-OF-STATE CERTIFICATION FINDINGS, VIOLATIONS AND PLAN OF CORRECTIONS:
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5 **1. Other: Plan of Operation-** Please provide a waiver for the new Intensive Supervision Unit (ISU) which will
6 permit the use of delayed egress-locks. In addition, the following documents are required for use of the
7 delayed locking mechanism:
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9 *Provide a policy on the use of "time-out" rooms for the ISP
10 *Provide a specific times (i.e., seconds) of the delays for all doors in the ISP
11 *Provide a facility sketch for the ISP with clear indentifying exit routes and delayed egress doors.
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13 Note: Copy of approvals from the Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania (Licensing Department)
14 the Pine Township Fire Department and Building Code Official has been received as of: 11/17/2010
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16 **2. Reporting Requirements-**Please provide GJR plan to meet the California incident reporting requirement
17 as pertaining to California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Div. 6. Plan shall include the reporting of all youth in
18 placement regardless if he is a California youth or not. (Note: A copy of the current Out-of-State incident
19 reporting guidelines will be provided to the agency for their assistance in meeting this California statutory
20 requirement.)
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23 Please provide a written Plan of Correction (POC) for the above issues by January 1, 2011.
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25 CERTIFICATION DECISION:
26 Certification Approved
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3	GJR has not had any significant program changes in the last year. However, a new multi-million dollar state
4	of the art school is currently under construction and is expected to be open by December 2010. A tour of the
5	construction site was also provided and appears that is going to be a substantial upgrade to the overall GJR
6	educational department.
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8	<u>LOCAL STATE LICENSING / COMPLAINT(S) ISSUES:</u>
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10	The last licensing inspection was conducted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public
11	Welfare Office of Children, Youth and Families in December 2009. The Licensing Inspection Summary (LIS)
12	revealed a few minor areas of deficiencies that have since been corrected. GJR has had one "Indicated"
13	complaint finding in the last year. As a result of that finding, the staff was terminated.
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15	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLAN OF OPERATION:</u>
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17	Administrative review revealed no issues related to intake procedures, licensing capacity, or program
18	services.
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20	<u>SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:</u>
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22	Certification review covered the following areas: Observation and review of the new Intensive Structure
23	Program; Programming; intake and discharge procedures; discipline policy; emergency intervention
24	techniques; medical procedures and records review; facility file review; staff interviews; observation of
25	program and daily activities; criminal record review; personal rights; food services; staff trainings; emergency
26	disaster plan; fire clearance; and all issues pertaining to physical plant.
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30	(See LIC C continued)
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