

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Community Care Licensing Division
Statewide Children's Residential Program
Out-of-State Certification Unit
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 ~ MS 19-50



June 24, 2009

Chris Banken, Executive Director
Mingus Mountain Academy
P.O. Box 26485
Prescott Valley, AZ 86312

SUBJECT: Out-of-State Group Home Re-Certification

Dear Mr. Banken:

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that effective the date of this letter, Mingus Mountain Academy is re-certified as meeting California's Title 22 licensing standards as they apply to children's group homes. This re-certification is good for one year or until June 24, 2010.

Enclosed is the evaluation report based on certification analyst Carol Lancaster's recent on-site facility visit and review. Please read and sign the bottom of each page where indicated; make a copy for your records; and return the original to the CDSS in the self-addressed envelope provided.

California licensing standards require that all serious incidents be reported to CDSS' Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit for each child in care regardless of whether he or she is a California placement. Incident reporting shall include the following:

- a. Deaths
- b. Suicide attempts
- c. Suspected physical, sexual or psychological abuse
- d. Epidemic outbreaks and catastrophes
- e. Injuries and illnesses that require hospitalization or medical treatment (beyond first aid.)
- f. Use of restraint (whether or not they result in an injury to a child.)
- g. Any unusual incident or absence that threatens the physical or emotional health or safety of a child.

Certification will continue to be reviewed annually. We will be following our Department policy which authorizes us to inspect facilities with or without appointment as necessary.

I thank you and your staff for your cooperation during this year's visit. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the report further, please contact Carol Lancaster at (916) 838-5751.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Lancaster for".

MEI YUK KUNG, Program Chief

Enclosure

C: CDSS-CFSD, Deputy Compact Administrator, ICPC/Out-of-State
Placement and Policy Unit

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

FACILITY NAME: MINGUS MOUNTAIN ACADEMY	FACILITY NUMBER: 602300052
ADMINISTRATOR: CHRIS BANKEN	FACILITY TYPE: 731
ADDRESS: H/C 76 89A N JCT FSR 151	TELEPHONE: (602) 335-2000
CITY: PRESCOTT VALLEY	STATE: AZ
CAPACITY: 80	ZIP CODE: 86314
TYPE OF VISIT: Case Management - <i>Re-Certification</i>	CENSUS: 78
MET WITH: Chris Banken, Executive Director	DATE: 04/28/2009
	UNANNOUNCED
	TIME BEGAN: 09:30 AM
	TIME COMPLETED: 04:00 PM

NARRATIVEPURPOSE OF VISIT:

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As mandated by California law, this annual review was performed by the undersigned analyst for the purpose of re-certification by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to verify the facility continues to:

- have adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care, supervision and treatment services to youth/clients in care.
- remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations as well as remaining licensed and in good standing with the licensing authorities of the state of geographical location - - in this case, the state of Arizona.

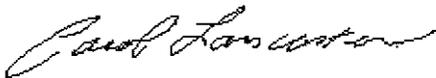
CDSS CERTIFICATION HISTORY

Mingus Mountain Academy (MMA) was first certified by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) June 26, 2008 after successfully undergoing an application process and initial site visit and evaluation conducted which was conducted June 3, 2008.

FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT, PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW AND CHANGES:

Mingus Mountain Academy continues to operate as an 80-bed residential treatment and educational program for female youth ages 12 to 18.

(NOTE: For a complete description and overview of MMA, its program, purpose, methods and goals, reference the initial certification report of June 26, 2008.)

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: Mei Yuk Kung**TELEPHONE:** (916) 327-8763**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Carol Lancaster**TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5751**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:**

DATE: 06/24/2009

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

FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:

DATE: 6/29/09

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

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)

FACILITY NAME: MINGUS MOUNTAIN ACADEMY

FACILITY NUMBER: 602300052

VISIT DATE: 04/28/2009

NARRATIVE

1 CHILDREN IN CARE:

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3 At the time of visit, the census was 78 -- Six of these clients being from California: Two from San Joaquin
4 County Probation; two from Shasta County Probation and two Sacramento County mental health placements.
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7 LOCAL STATE LICENSING INFORMATION

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9 Mingus Mountain Academy is licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services Office of Behavioral
10 Health Licensing. The most recent license was issued April 14, 2009 and is good May 1, 2009 through April
11 30, 2009.
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13 ACCREDITATIONS

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15 MMA is accredited by the Joint Commission -- the last survey conducted being September 15, 2007, at
16 which time the facility was found to meet the requirements for the Behavioral Health Care Accreditation
17 Program. The accreditation is good for up to 39 months.
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19 MMA's educational program includes middle school, high school or GED acquisition. If Special Education
20 and specific behavior needs warrant one-to-one staff assistance, it is made available. MMA's educational
21 programs are fully accredited by the Arizona Department of Education, the North Central Association and
22 most recently (effective June 1, 2009,) the California Department of Education.
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24 FIRE INSPECTION / WATER ANALYSIS:

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26 An inspection report dated August 15, 2007 issued by a representative of the Arizona State Fire Marshall
27 indicates that no violations were observed based on an inspection at that time.
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29 With respect to the facility's water supply, a sample most recently drawn from the main well and analyzed by
30 the Bradshaw Mountain Environmental Laboratory on April 2, 2008 reflects that the water is within safe and
31 acceptable drinking standards.
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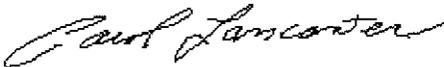
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SCOPE OF RE-CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

- Entrance interview with Executive Director Chris Banken and various members of the MMA administrative/management team.
- Collection of updated and current organizational and program information material.
- Tour/physical inspection of facility and grounds
- Review and discussion of serious incident reporting, staff background checks/clearances and emergency intervention procedures.
- Sample of client files reviewed.
- Sample of personnel files reviewed.
- Three client interviews
- Exit interview.

CERTIFICATION DECISION:

Re-Certify.

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