

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



July 19, 2010

Karen Bishop, Director
Walden School (Learning Center for the Deaf)
848 Central Street
Framingham, MA 01701

**SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION RENEWAL
WALDEN SCHOOL (LEARNING CENTER FOR THE DEAF)**

Dear Ms. Bishop:

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that certification by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for Walden School is continued through July 2011.

Certification will continue to be reviewed annually. The Out-of-State Certification Unit will continue to follow the Department's policy, which authorizes us to inspect facilities with or without appointment.

Thank you for your cooperation during the recertification process this year. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 838-5751.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Lancaster".

CAROL LANCASTER, Certification Analyst

c: Rosalind Hyde, Manager and Deputy Compact Administrator, CDSS Division of Children and Family Services, Out-of-State Placement and Policy Unit

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING DIVISION

CCLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 10-10
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

FACILITY NAME: WALDEN SCHOOL	FACILITY NUMBER: 602300041
ADMINISTRATOR: KAREN BISHOP	FACILITY TYPE: 731
ADDRESS: 848 CENTRAL STREET	TELEPHONE: (508) 626-8581
CITY: FRAMINGHAM	STATE: MA
CAPACITY: 40	ZIP CODE: 01701
TYPE OF VISIT: Case Management <i>(Re Cert.)</i>	CENSUS: 32
MEET WITH: Karen Bishop, Administrator	UNANNOUNCED
	DATE: 06/21/2010
	TIME BEGAN: 10:15 AM
	TIME COMPLETED: 02:45 PM

NARRATIVE

1 PURPOSE OF VISIT:

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3 As mandated by California law, this annual review was performed by the undersigned analyst for the purpose
4 of re-certification by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). To be re-certified, out-of-state
5 group homes must continue to:
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- 7 • have adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care, supervision
8 and treatment services to youth/clients in care.
- 9 • remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations as well as
10 remaining licensed and in good standing with the licensing authorities of the state of geographical
11 location -- in this case, the state of Massachusetts.

12 CDSS CERTIFICATION HISTORY

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14 The Walden School (Learning Center for the Deaf) was first certified by the California Department of Social
15 Services (CDSS) March 6, 2007, and has successfully been re-certified annually thereafter.

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

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18 *(NOTE: For a complete description and overview of the Walden School, its program, purpose,*
19 *methods and goals, reference the initial certification report of June 29, 2006.)*

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22 There have not been any programmatic, organizational or capacity changes since last year's evaluation.
23 Appearance-wise, cosmetic improvements have been made in residential quarters -- i.e., painting, windows,
24 screens, floorcovering, etc. There is additionally some new building/remodeling construction and
25 improvements currently in progress on the campus. Most is educational, recreational, and
administrative-related and does not involve increases in residential capacity.

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LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:

DATE: 07/12/2010



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

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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	<u>CHILDREN IN CARE:</u>
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3	The facility has a collective licensing/certification capacity of 40. At the time of visit, the census was 32; and
4	there are currently no children from California in placement. States with children in placement at Walden
5	School were: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New York, New Mexico, Delaware and the District of
6	Columbia.
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8	<u>MASSACHUSETTS LICENSING INFORMATION:</u>
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10	Walden School's residential program is licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of
11	Early Education and Care.
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13	There are four residences on the campus - - each is licensed individually as a Group Care Program:
14	• Walden School (Main Building,) 80 Kellogg Street (Lic #1476623); Capacity: 24; most recent license
15	issued 12/11/2009 - - good for two years (expires 12/10/2011.)
16	• Green House, 830 Central Street (Lic #1476624); Capacity 6; most recent license issued 12/11/2009 - -
17	good for two years (expires 12/10/2011.)
18	• Prospect House, 300 Prospect Street (Lic #1476622); Capacity 5; most recent license issued
19	12/11/2009 - - good for two years (expires 12/10/2011.)
20	• Brown House, 320 Prospect Street (Lic #1475885); Capacity 5; most recent license issued 12/14/2009 -
21	- good for two years (expires 12/13/2011.)
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23	As part of this year's recertification review, this analyst spoke to the MA licensing evaluator by telephone on
24	June 22, 2010. She stated that the facility is in good standing with her agency and that no administrative
25	actions are pending.
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27	The facility's last Massachusetts licensing report dated June 17, 2009 was also obtained and reviewed. In
28	response to areas of non-compliance referenced in that report, the facility was required to produce a
29	correction plan and implement required changes. The facility was subsequently successful in doing so and
30	new two year licenses were issued by MA Licensing in December 2009.
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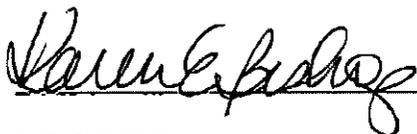
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NARRATIVE**1 OTHER AGENCY OVERSIGHT AND/OR ACCREDITATION INFORMATION:****2**
3 Educational:**4**
5 The Private Residential Special Educational School at Walden operates twelve months a year and is under
6 the oversight of the Massachusetts Department of Education. Full approval was last granted January 15,
7 2008 and is good through August 10, 2010. The educational program was recently visited by a survey team
8 for re-approval March 8-11, 2010. The completion of the process is still pending.
9**10** Educational services (PK-12) have also been accredited by the New England Association of Schools and
11 Colleges, Inc. (since February 2010.) This accreditation is good through 2019. The New England
12 Association of Schools and Colleges is the regional accrediting agency for the six-state New England area.
13**14** The Walden School is also approved by District of Columbia Public Schools as a special education
15 school/program. That approval, issued July 9, 2007, was granted for three years.
16**17 Fire Inspection:****18**
19 According to fire inspection reports issued by the Framingham MA Fire Department, all group living
20 residences and other buildings and structures on the campus were inspected January 11, 2010. All were
21 certified to be in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Board of Fire Prevention on that date.
22**23** The facility maintains a computerized log of the fire drills it conducts. Fire drills are conducted on each of the
24 three shifts -- twice yearly.
25**26 Egress Inspection:****27**
28 Last conducted by the Town of Framingham, County of Middlesex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
29 Certified through March 3, 2011.
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1 OTHER AGENCY OVERSIGHT AND/OR ACCREDITATION INFORMATION: (Continued)

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3 Health Inspection:

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5 Last conducted and approved on March 23, 2009 by the Town of Framingham, Board of Health.

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7 Counsel on Accreditation:

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9 Accredited through May 31, 2014.

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13 SCOPE OF RE-CERTIFICATION REVIEW:

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15 • Entrance and exit interview with Director Karen Bishop.

16 • Collection of updated and current organizational and program information material.

17 • Tour/physical inspection of facility and grounds with Residential Director Michelle Donatello.

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20 CERTIFICATION DECISION:

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22 Re-Certify.

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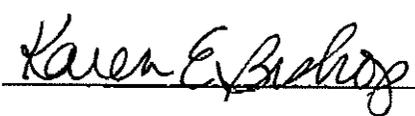
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