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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
Community Care Licensing Division – Statewide Children's Residential Program  
744 P Street, MS 8-3-54 Sacramento, CA 95814



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GOVERNOR

January 7, 2015

YOUTH FOR TOMORROW  
11835 HAZEL CIRCLE DRIVE  
BRISTOW, VA 20136

SUBJECT : Initial Certification by the California Department of Social Services

CAPACITY : 40 Male and Female Youth, Ages 11 - 18

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that certification for Youth For Tomorrow located at the address referenced above is approved.

Certification will be re-reviewed annually or more often should non-compliance with California Title 22 licensing standards as they apply to California Group homes become questionable or at issue. Additionally, serious incidents must be reported to the 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 health or safety of a child

While certified, we will continue to follow our Department policy which authorizes us to inspect facilities with or without an appointment as necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 651-5380; or Certification Analyst Ron Leslie at (916) 654-0956

Sincerely,

MARISA SANCHEZ, MANAGER I  
Children's Residential Program  
Community Care Licensing

C: Monica Jackson, Manager and Deputy Compact Administrator, Out-of-State Placement and Policy Unit

## FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT

CCLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 8-3-84  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

FACILITY NAME:	YOUTH FOR TOMORROW	FACILITY NUMBER:	802300081
ADMINISTRATOR:	COURTNEY D. GASKINS, PH.D	FACILITY TYPE:	731
ADDRESS:	11835 HAZEL CIRCLE DRIVE	TELEPHONE:	(703) 398-7122
CITY:	BRISTOW	STATE:	VA
CAPACITY:	40	ZIP CODE:	20136
TYPE OF VISIT:	Initial Certification	CENSUS:	UNANNOUNCED
MET WITH:	Courtney Gaskins and other administrative and treatment staff.	DATE:	12/16/2014
		TIME BEGAN:	10:12 AM
		TIME COMPLETED:	03:13 PM

## NARRATIVE

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2 PURPOSE OF VISIT:  
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4 As mandated by California law, this initial on-site visit was performed on October 16, 2014 by analyst Carol  
5 Lancaster in order to assess and determine Youth for Tomorrow's (YTF) eligibility and suitability to be certified  
6 as an out-of-state group home provider by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). To become  
7 certified, an out-of-state group home is required to:  
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9 1. be deemed in substantial compliance with California's Title 22 licensing regulations which apply to  
10 children's group homes in California; as well as  
11 2. be licensed and in good standing with the licensing laws of the state the facility is located in - - in this  
12 case the state of Virginia.  
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20 REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION / APPLICATION HISTORY:  
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22 In a letter dated 9/4/14, certification was requested by Youth For Tomorrow.  
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24 A letter of intent and application material was received from the facility on 10/9/14.  
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TELEPHONE: (916) 651-5380

LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME: Ronald Leslie

TELEPHONE: 916-654-0956

LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:

DATE: 01/07/2015

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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FACILITY NAME: YOUTH FOR TOMORROW

FACILITY NUMBER: 602300081

VISIT DATE: 12/16/2014

**NARRATIVE****FACILITY INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMING:**

1 Youth for Tomorrow, Incorporated (YFT,) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization located on a 215 acre campus  
2 in Bristow, Virginia which lies in the northern region of the state, approximately 25 miles from Washington  
3 Dulles International Airport. While Bristow has experienced a rapidly growing population (15,000 in 2009 --  
4 up 89% percent from 2000,) the setting remains fairly rural and private and is in a beautiful part of the country.  
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9 YFT first began operating in 1986, originally providing residential care and treatment services to male  
10 children/youth. Subsequently, the agency began offering residential care and treatment services to females  
11 who now comprise nearly half of our resident population. Today the agency serves boys and girls, individuals  
12 and families, and persons of all ages within a continuum of services which includes:  
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- 14 • Treatment Group Homes
- 15 • Crisis Intervention Counseling Services
- 16 • Diagnostic and Assessment Services
- 17 • Outpatient Services
- 18 • Therapeutic Day Treatment
- 19 • Intensive In-Home Therapeutic Services

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21 To accommodate the growth in demand since the Original Boys Home was first constructed in 1986, six  
22 additional residential homes have been built on the campus. Also constructed has been a state of the art  
23 Education Center and the Joe Gibbs Center for Academic and Physical Education.  
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25 Children who are referred to YFT have struggled with one or more of the following issues:  
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- 27 • Foster Care
- 28 • Poor academic performance/special needs
- 29 • Criminal behavioral patterns
- 30 • Substance Abuse
- 31 • Behavioral Disorders
- 32 • Family Crisis
- Mental Health Disorders
- Pregnant teens and teen mothers
- Domestic Commercially Sex Trafficked Girls
- Sexually abused/exploited youth

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**FIRE CLEARANCE:**

All residential facilities and the school last underwent a fire inspection on October 31, 2013. The fire inspection was performed by a representative with Prince William County (VA) Department of Fire and Rescue. The few minor violations notated were fixed and cleared the same day.

**EDUCATION RELATED CERTIFICATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS:**

YFT has a private on grounds school licensed by the VA Board of Education. The school is licensed to serve up to 106 male and female students ages 11-18 with emotional, health and learning disabilities. The school's most recent license was issued July 19, 2014 and is good through July 18, 2017.

YFT is also accredited by the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Facilities (VAISEF), an accrediting organization of the Virginia Council on Private Education, recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Education to provide secondary education to residential and day school students.

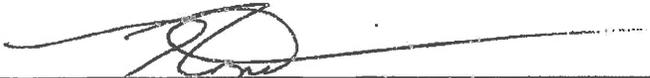
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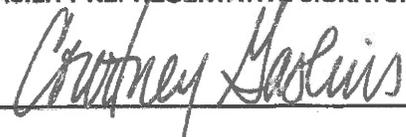
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2 As previously referenced, YFT has seven residential treatment homes spread over the campus. With regard  
3 to CDSS certification however, only three of the seven are under consideration for certification and are being  
4 evaluated at this time. The three area:

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6 1. **Kelly House** (capacity 8) operates as a "Mommy and Me" program, offering residential care,  
7 programming and treatment to female youth who are pregnant; who have infant/toddler children or both.  
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9 2. **Chelsea House** (capacity 10) is also for female youth. Specialized treatment known as the "Girls on a  
10 Journey Program" for commercially sexually exploited female youth is offered at Chelsea.  
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12 3. **Courage House** (capacity 12) offers residential care, programming and treatment to males ages 12-17.  
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14 The homes are large, modern, custom built two-story single family dwellings that are aesthetically impressive  
15 both inside and out, as well as tastefully decorated and amply furnished and equipped. All are more than  
16 adequate in size, space and amenities - - meeting and/or exceeding CA group home standards.  
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18 It should be noted that each homes programs work independently and the children attend and/or occupy  
19 different areas of the on-grounds school, recreational center and commercial style cafeteria during day  
20 programming hours. Most notably, clients of Kelly, Chelsea and Courage do not commingle with children  
21 residing within Tammy House; Gladys Lee House; Nancy House; Hazel Hall #1, #2 and #3. The latter are  
22 licensed under a separate license issued by Virginia Department of Social Services (as opposed to Chelsea,  
23 Courage and Kelly which are licensed each under their own license by the Virginia Department of Behavioral  
24 Health and Developmental Services.)  
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**STATE OF VIRGINIA LICENSING INFORMATION:**

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28 Kelly, Chelsea and Courage Houses are each licensed individually as "Children's Residential Facilities" by the  
29 Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS.) Current  
30 licenses are dated October 24, 2014 and are good from October 4, 2014 through October 3, 2015.  
31 Telephone communication between the undersigned and the VA DBHDS licensing evaluator reflected that the  
32 facility is currently in good standing with no administrative action or plans of corrections pending. The VA  
licensing analyst commented that the facility has gotten better over the last couple of years.

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SCOPE OF VISIT:

- Entrance interview with Director of Program Services Courtney Gaskins and the following staff.
  - Breanne Jones - Case Manager
  - Veronica Meyers - Student Services Coordinator
  - Lisa Dingle - Therapist
  - Audrey White - House Coordinator
  - Ed Tabish - Principle
  - Terry Tinsley - Clinical Director
- Discussion of application material provided, program services offered and California Licensing standards and requirements.
- Building and grounds tour.
- Met with California youth, Shaniece Bailey

FINDINGS:

The following areas meet and/or exceed California group home standards or are comparable or otherwise allowable with allowable with waivers;

- Building and grounds: Sufficient, clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair.
- Staffing levels and utilization of licensed/certified treatment staff.
- adequate supply of food and menus which meet federal guidelines.
- Facility is in good standing with the State of Virginia and other local oversight agencies.
- Facility agrees to comply with CA incident and restraint reporting requirements on all clients in care (not just California placements).

CERTIFICATION DECISION:

Approve.

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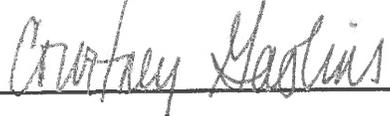
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