

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



June 27, 2000

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 00-39

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
 ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
 ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
 ALL COUNTY ICPC LIAISONS  
 ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICES  
 ALL ADOPTION FIELD OFFICES

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- State Law Changes
- Federal Law or Regulations Change
- Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: HERITAGE SCHOOLS, INC. – Provo, Utah  
 Certification Expired

**HERITAGE SCHOOLS, INC.**

Pursuant to California Family Code Section 7911 et al., Heritage Schools, Inc. in Provo, Utah, was officially certified June 23, 1999 as meeting California group home licensing standards. This certification was effective for a one-year period, to be renewed annually. On April 18, 2000 the Out-of-State Certification Unit acknowledged Heritage Schools' decision not to apply for recertification as an Out-of-State Group Home provider. Therefore, the California certification for Heritage Schools, Inc. will expire June 22, 2000.

All California placing agencies that currently have California children placed in Heritage Schools, Inc. have been notified by Heritage Schools of its decision not to apply for recertification. The California Department of Social Services has also notified all of the California placing agencies, and plans for all the children to return safely to California are currently being made. As a result of this action, counties may no longer claim costs on any of the County Assistance Claims for existing or new placements at this facility effective June 22, 2000.

Pursuant to All County Letter 99-41 dated June 14, 1999, out-of-state group home placements made by adoptive parents and funded through the Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) and children who are seriously emotionally disturbed and placed pursuant to California Government Code Section 7570 et al. are not affected by the certification process.

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Attached for your convenience is a revised list dated May 5, 2000 of the out-of-state group homes certified by the CDSS. Should you desire additional information, please telephone Ms. Marika Wolf, Deputy Compact Administrator and Manager, Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit, at (916) 323-1000.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by:*

**SYLVIA PIZZINI**

Deputy Director and  
Compact Administrator

Attachment

c: CWDA  
CPOC  
Judicial Council

**OUT-OF-STATE GROUP HOMES  
CERTIFIED BY  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
5/5/00**

Heritage Schools (Utah) (Certification expires 6/22/00 – not renewing)

Rite of Passage (Nevada)

Vision Quest (Arizona)

Glenn Mills (Pennsylvania)

Excelsior (Colorado)

Nashua (New Hampshire)

Normative Services (Wyoming)

St. Augustine Youth Services (Florida)