

Children's Residential Care Licensing Unit Highlights

Idaho Department of Health & Welfare Division of Family and Community Services

Positive Outcomes for Residential Care

A review of current research by Child Welfare League of America identified characteristics of residential care that have been correlated with long-term positive outcomes those include:

- high levels of family involvement
- supervision and support from caring adults
- A skill-focused curriculum
- service coordination
- development of individualized treatment plans
- positive peer influences

- enforcement of a strict code of discipline
- a focus on building self-esteem
- a family-like atmosphere
- academic support
- presence of community networks
- a minimally stressful environment
- comprehensive discharge planning

Based on these results Residential Care Providers are encouraged to implement programs and practices that:

- actively support family-centered services
- maintain permanent family connections for children.
- Develop new, structural partnerships among providers of children's services,
- Commit resources to post-discharge continuity of care and provision of family supports for at least one year after children exit residential programs.

Residential services are an



important and integral component within the multiple systems of care and the continuum of services. We are proud to have you on our team.

Keep up the great work.
You **are** making a difference!

Academy Ranches	MK Place
Anchor House	Northwest Academy
Bannock House	Northwoods I & 2
Bingham County Transition	Patriot Center
Boulder Creek Academy	Project Path
Cherry Gulch	St. Dominic School
Christian Children's Ranch	Syringa House
Children's Village	Teton Peaks
Daybreak Canyon	Sequel/Hayden
Elk Mountain Academy	Treasure Valley Transition
Gustafson House	Inner Roads
Harmony House	LDS Social Service
Hays Shelter	PATH
Hope House	A New Beginning
Idaho Youth Ranch	Bannock Youth Foundation
Kistler House	Casey Family
Innercept I & 2	CASI
Kinderhaven	IYR Adoptions

Adoptions and Foster Care Statistics

130,000 children in foster care in the United States cannot return home to their birth families and are waiting for a permanent family.

26,000 youth "aged out" of foster care in 2006, exiting the child welfare system without any permanent family connections.

Every day, some 513,000 children and youth are living in foster care in the United State because their own parents can't care for them.

Licensing tips for using Escort/Transportation Services

Escort/Transportation Agencies can provide necessary professional assistance for licensed children's residential care facilities. As licensed facilities, it is important that all licensing rules are followed when using other agency services. The following questions will help you remain in compliance when using escort/transportation services:

1. Is a discharge necessary?
2. How will you exchange and

document medication?

3. Do you have a restraint policy?
4. Has law enforcement been contacted?
5. Is it necessary to contact licensing?
6. Have the de-escalation techniques used been documented?
7. Do you have sufficient facility staff to support the children in care?

8. Has the resident's behavior been thoroughly documented; including precipitating events, staff involvement and debriefing?

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