



GOVERNMENT OF
THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH REGULATION & LICENSING
ADMINISTRATION
INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES DIVISION

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION

Name of Facility:		Street Address, City, State, ZIP Code:		Survey Date:	
Lutheran Social Services, Inc.		4406 Georgia Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20011		5/14/09	
				Follow-up Date(s):	
Regulation Citation	Statement of Deficiencies	Ref. No.	Plan of Correction	Completion Date	
Title 29 Chapter 16	An annual inspection was conducted on May 14, 2009, through May 15, 2009, to determine compliance with Chapter 16, Standards of Placement, Care and Services for Child Placing. The survey findings were based on records review and staff interviews. The sample sizes was seven (7) employee records based on a census of seven (7), seven (7) foster parent records based on a census of seven (7) and (10) foster child record based on a census of ten (10), five (5) domestic adoption files and four (4) international adoption files. The Agency was found to be in substantial compliance with Title 29 Chapter 16, Standards of Placement, Care and Services for Child Placing however the following deficiencies were cited.		<p><i>Received 7/29/09</i></p> <p>GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HEALTH REGULATION ADMINISTRATION 825 NORTH CAPITOL ST., N.E., 2ND FLOOR WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002</p>		

Patricia Redinger
Name of Inspector

06-01-09
Date Issued

Richard [Signature]
Facility Director/Designee

7/3/09
Date



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	1611 Personnel Records		
1611.1(i)	<p><i>Each child –placing agency shall have a personnel file on each employee, which shall include, but not limited to, the following:</i></p> <p><i>(i) Documentation of any professional license;</i></p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the agency failed to obtain professional license for two of the seven personnel. (Staff #1 and #3).</p> <p>The finding includes:</p> <p>Review of personnel records on May 14, 2009, at approximately 3:00 PM revealed that Employee #1 and #3 did not have available for review current professional licenses. Interview with the Executive Director on May 15, 2009, at approximately 11:00 AM confirmed the findings.</p> <p><i>Signed statement by employee that written personnel policies were reviewed.</i></p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the agency failed to ensure employee's signed statements that</p>	<p>Staff # 1 no longer employed, but license on file.</p> <p>Staff # 3 license on file.</p>	<p>6/15/09</p> <p>6/15/09</p>
1611.1 (i)			

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1638.2	<p>Director on May 15, 2009, at approximately 11:00 AM confirmed the findings.</p> <p><i>(k) Physical examination reports required in Section 1612.2;</i></p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the agency failed to ensure employee's signed statements that written personnel policies were reviewed, for one out of seven employees. (Employee #3).</p> <p>The finding includes:</p> <p>Review of personnel records on May 14, 2009 at approximately 2:00 PM revealed that Employee #1 did not have available for review a current physical examination. Interview with the Executive Director on May 15, 2009, at approximately 11:00 AM confirmed the findings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1638 Foster Care</p> <p><i>Each child-placing agency shall us only licensed foster homes for the placement of children.</i></p> <p>Based on record review and interview, it was</p>	<p>Employee # 1 no longer employed at the Agency.</p>	
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<p>determined that the agency failed to ensure that a foster home had a current license, for two of the seven foster home. (Foster home #1 and # 2).</p> <p>The findings include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Record review on May 14, 2009, at approximately 10:00 AM revealed that Foster Home #1 had a license that expired on March 20, 2009. Interview with Clinical Supervisor on May 14, 2009, at 1:00 PM confirmed that the Foster Home license had expired and the agency was not going to continue using her as a Foster Home. 2. Record review on May 14, 2009, at 11:00 AM revealed that Foster Home #2 and Foster Home #4 had the same license number. Interview with the Clinical Supervisor (CS) on May 14, 2009, at 1:30 PM confirmed that the license numbers were the same. The CS called Child and Family Service (local license for Foster Home) to inquiry about the duplicate license number. The CS informed the surveyors that they would forward a new license to the agency. At the time of the survey, there was no evidence of a current license. 		<p>Foster Home # 1 closed on 6/29/09</p> <p>New license to Foster Home #4</p> <p>New license number issue to foster Home #4 by CFSA</p>	
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<p>1639.4 (o)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1639</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Foster Home Study</p> <p><i>Date of present marriage and, if applicable, date of divorce, as well as a description of the compatibility, marital satisfaction, and stability of the couple in relation to the length of their marriage, if applicable.</i></p> <p>The findings include:</p> <p>Based on record review, the agency failed to obtain marriage license and/or divorce, for two of the seven records. (Foster Home # 1 and # 4)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Record review of Foster Parent #1's record on May 14, 2009 at 10:00 revealed that the Foster Parent did not have a current marriage and divorce certificates. 2. Record review of Foster Parent #4's record on May 14, 2009, at 10:00 revealed that the Foster Parent did not have a current marriage and divorce certificates. <p>Interview with the Executive Director on May 15, 2009, at approximately 11:00 AM confirmed that the marriage license and divorce records were not in Foster Parent's record.</p>	<p>Received death certificate of spouse for foster home #4 (See Attached)</p> <p>Foster Parent # 1 closed on 6/29/09</p> <p>Refer to above</p> <p>Foster Home # closed on 6/29/09</p> <p>Foster Home #4 submitted death</p>	
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<p>1640.2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1640</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Notification Regarding Application</p> <p><i>A foster home shall be re-evaluated two (2) years after the date of the initial approval and every two (2) years thereafter.</i></p> <p>The findings includes:</p> <p>Based on record review and interview, the agency failed to ensure that a re-evaluation was done after two years for Foster Home #1.</p> <p>Review of Foster Home #1's file on May 14, 2009, at approximately 10:00 AM revealed a Home Study was completed on May 29, 2006. Interview with CS on May 14, 2009, at 1:00 PM indicated that Home Studies should be completed bi-annually. She further indicated that the agency was not going to continue using her as Foster Home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1644</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Supervision of Children in Foster Homes</p> <p><i>The child-placing agency shall be responsible for protecting the health and safety of a child in its care and shall:</i></p>	<p>certificate of spouse (See Attached)</p> <p>Foster Home #1 closed on 6/29/09</p> <p>Foster Home #1 closed on 6/29/09</p>	
<p>1644.3b</p>			

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	<p><i>(b) Obtain age appropriate health supervision for child(ren) in care to include at least annual medical and dental examination. This supervision shall include emergency and routine medical care and correction of remedial medical problems of each child.</i></p> <p>The findings include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Record review on May 14, 2009 at 10:00 AM revealed that Children #1 and # 2 did not available for review a current medical or dental evaluation. 2. Record review on May 14, 2009, at 11:00 AM revealed that Children #3 and #4 did not available for review a current dental evaluation. <p>Interview with the Executive Director on May 15, 2009, at approximately 11:00 AM confirmed that the medical and dental evaluation were not in the children's record.</p>		<p>For child #1 we will obtain medical and dental directly from providers by 7/31/09.</p> <p>Child #2 has current medical (see Attached) Her dental is scheduled for 7/10/09 we will obtain document by 7/31/09.</p> <p>Dental evaluations completed for children #3 and #4. (See Attached)</p>	
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