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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

MAILING DATE:

OCT 24 2016

Ms. Debra S. Lacks, President/CEO
Wordsworth Academy
3300 Henry Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19129

RE: Wordsworth
3905 Ford Road
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131
License #: 114350

Dear Ms. Lacks:

Please be advised that after investigation and as a result of the Department of Human Services' (Department) inspections on April 20, 2016, June 5, 2016, August 3, 2016, October 14, 2016, October 17, 2016 and October 18, 2016, the Department has made a decision to REVOKE your license to operate a Child Residential facility known as Wordsworth Academy located at 3905 Forbes Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131.

The Department's decision to revoke your license is based on your failure to comply with the Department's regulations and gross incompetence, negligence and misconduct in operating the facility and is made pursuant to 62 P.S. § 1026 (b)(1) and 55 Pa.Code § 20.71(a)(2); (6) (relating to conditions for denial, nonrenewal or revocation).

If you disagree with the decision to revoke your license, you have the right to appeal through hearing before the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Human Services in accordance with 1 Pa.Code Part II, Chs. 31-35. If you decide to appeal, a written request for an appeal must be received within 10 days of the date of this letter by:

Kevin Brumbach, Enforcement Manager
Bureau of Human Services Licensing
Department of Human Services
Room 631, Health and Welfare Building
625 Forster Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

This decision is final 11 days from the date of this letter, or if you decide to appeal, upon issuance of a decision by the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals.

The enclosed Licensing Inspection Summary specifies plans of correction and dates by which corrections must be made. If you choose to appeal, this plan of correction must be followed during your operation pending your appeal.

Sincerely,

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Jacqueline L. Rowe
Director

Enclosures
Order for Emergency Relocation
Licensing Inspection Summary



**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services**

ORDER

And now, this 24th day of October 2016, pursuant to 55 Pa.Code § 20.37 (relating to emergency removal of residents), the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services, hereby determines that the conditions existing at the child residential facility located at:

Wordsworth
3905 Ford Road
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131

Operated by:
Wordsworth Academy
Ms. Debra S. Lacks, President/CEO

As described in the attached Licensing Inspection Summary, constitute an immediate and serious danger to the health and safety of the residents with the violations of Chapter 3800 that include: 3800.32(b), 3800.32(c), 3800.32(i), 3800.32(n), 3800.53(b), 3800.205(a) and 3800.211(b).

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that the residents be relocated from the child residential facility as promptly as can be safely accomplished.

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Jacqueline L. Rowe
Director

**VIOLATION REPORT
CHILD RESIDENTIAL LICENSING - 55 Pa.Code Chapter 3800**

Facility Name: WORDSWORTH		License Number: 11435
Address: 3905 FORD ROAD, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19131		County: Philadelphia
Director: Samara Speaks		Region: SOUTHEAST
Legal Entity Name: WORDSWORTH ACADEMY		
Legal Entity Address: 3300 HENRY AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19129		
Certificate(s) of Occupancy NM NM		
Program Type: Residential Services	Licensed Capacity: 124	Number of Children Served: 88 as of 10/18/16
Type of Inspection: Partial	BHA Docket Number:	Notice: Unannounced
Reason(s) for Inspection(s) Complaint, Incident		
On-Site Inspections Dates and Department Representatives On-Site 10/14/2016: Taylor, Kahisha; Barr, Sara; Delaney, Alesia 10/17/2016: Taylor, Kahisha; Delaney, Alesia 10/18/2016: Taylor, Kahisha; Barr, Sara		
Off-Site Inspection Dates and Inspectors, if Applicable		
Other Details		
Partial or Full Triggers:		Random Indicators:
Child Demographic Data as of Inspection Dates		
Age of Children: 0 to 5 years: 0 6 to 13 years: 13 14 to 17 years: 62 18 to 21 years: 8	Number of Children who: As of 10/24/16 the census is 82 Are Adjudicated Delinquent: 9 Are Dependent: 53 Have Mental Illness: 82 Have an Intellectual Disability: 4 Have a Physical Disability: 0 Dependent and Adjudicated Delinquent: 23	

Licensing Inspection Summary: 11435 - 10/14/2016 - Taylor, Kahisha

Facility Name: WORDSWORTH

1. REGULATION 55 Pa.Code §3800

3800.32(b) - A child may not be abused, mistreated, threatened, harassed or subject to corporal punishment.

2a. DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION

On 10/13/16 at 9:51pm, Child #1 was pronounced deceased in the bedroom by Emergency Services. At 8:22pm multiple staff entered the room of Child #1 in search of an iPod that Child #1 allegedly stole from Child #2. A search of the room found the iPod, which was returned to Child #2. According to Staff Members, they heard the noise of breaking glass in the room of Child #1. Staff Members entered the room at approximately 8:26pm. Staff Member A, Staff Member B, and Staff Member C reported that they needed to restrain Child #1 due to the aggressive behavior of Child #1. During the restraint, according to Staff Member B who was holding the legs of Child #1, Staff Member A was observed throwing punches at the ribs of Child #1. During the restraint, Child #1 began gasping for breath and then stopped moving. Through interviews of multiple children, who were standing in the hallway during the incident, they reported hearing the child yelling "I can take this, that's the only thing you got, give me more, I eat those and I can take those". The children also then overheard Child #1 yelling "get off me, I can't breathe" and then everything went silent.

A video dated 10/13/16 at 8:10pm, showed Child #2 being aggressively pushed and shoved by Staff Member C in the hallway while escorting the child to their room.

3. PLAN OF CORRECTION (POC) (Attach pages as necessary. Remember that you must sign and date any attached pages.)

Include steps to correct the violation described above and steps to prevent a similar violation from occurring again. If steps cannot be completed immediately, include dates by which the steps will be completed.

Repeat Violation: No

Date(s) of Previous Violation(s):

Signature of Legal Entity Representative
(Required on EVERY Page)Printed Name and Title of Legal Entity Representative
(Required on EVERY Page)

Date

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- Partially Implemented - Inadequate Progress
- Not Implemented

The above plan of correction was approved by _____
(Initials)

Licensing Inspection Summary: 11435 - 10/14/2016 - Taylor, Kahisha
 Facility Name: WORDSWORTH

1. REGULATION 55 Pa.Code §3800
 3800.32(c) - A child has the right to be treated with fairness, dignity and respect.

2a. DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION
 On 10/13/16, at 8:22pm, Staff Member A, Staff Member B, and Staff Member C entered the room of Child #1 to perform a contraband search for a stolen iPod. According to Staff Member D, they observed Staff Member A flipping the bed of Child #1 over and throwing furniture around during the search for the iPod.

3. PLAN OF CORRECTION (POC) (Attach pages as necessary. Remember that you must sign and date any attached pages.)
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Licensing Inspection Summary: 11435 - 10/14/2016 - Taylor, Kahisha

Facility Name: WORDSWORTH

1. REGULATION 55 Pa.Code §3800

3800.32(i) - A child has the right to be protected from unreasonable search and seizure. A facility may conduct search and seizure procedures, subject to reasonable facility policy.

2a. DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION

On 10/13/16, Staff Member A entered the bedroom of Child #1 in search of an iPod that was reported to have been stolen by Child #1. Staff Member A flipped the bed over and threw the furniture belonging to Child #1 around the room. The iPod was eventually found in a soap box and staff members left without replacing the bedroom furniture. Facility policy on search and seizure states that "the child's possessions are treated with care and restored to good working order after being searched."

3. PLAN OF CORRECTION (POC) (Attach pages as necessary. Remember that you must sign and date any attached pages.)

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Licensing Inspection Summary: 11435 - 10/14/2016 - Taylor, Kahisha
 Facility Name: WORDSWORTH

1. REGULATION 55 Pa.Code §3800
 3800.32(n) - A child may not be subjected to unusual or extreme methods of discipline which may cause psychological or physical harm to the child.

2a. DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION
 On 10/13/16, following a contraband search, Child #1 was exhibiting aggressive behavior, toward Staff Member A, Staff Member B, and Staff Member C. During a restraint Staff Member A was observed punching Child #1 in the ribs. Child #1 was pronounced deceased at 9:51pm on 10/13/16.

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