COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

This Certificate is hereby granted to **COMMUNITY SPECIALISTS CORPORATION**
(LEGAL ENTITY)

To operate **THE ACADEMY SANCTION UNIT**
(NAME OF FACILITY OR AGENCY)

Located at **900 AGNEW ROAD, PITTSBURGH, PA 15227**
(COMPLETE ADDRESS OF FACILITY OR AGENCY)

(ADDRESS OF SATELLITE SITE) (ADDRESS OF SATELLITE SITE)

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To provide **Residential Services - Institutional based, dependent & delinquent**
(TYPE OF SERVICE(S) TO BE PROVIDED)

The total number of persons which may be cared for at one time may not exceed **120** (MAXIMUM CAPACITY)
or the maximum capacity permitted by the Certificate of Occupancy, whichever is smaller.

Restrictions:

This certificate is granted in accordance with the Public Welfare Code of 1967, P.L. 31, as amended, and Regulations

55 Pa.Code Chapter 3800: Child Residential and Day Treatment Facilities
(MANUAL NUMBER AND TITLE OF REGULATIONS)

and shall remain in effect from **April 21, 2011** until **April 21, 2012**,
unless sooner revoked for non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

No: 401650

Robert E. Robinson
ISSUING OFFICER

Cathy A Utz
DEPUTY SECRETARY

NOTE: This certificate is issued for the above site(s) only and is not transferable and should be posted in a conspicuous place in the facility.

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Mr. Frank Wentzel, Executive Director
Community Specialists Corporation
900 Agnew Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15227

Dear Mr. Wentzel:

RE: The Academy - Sanction Unit
900 Agnew Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15227
License #401650

As a result of the Department of Public Welfare's licensing/approval inspection conducted on April 19 and 21, 2011 and May 10 and 13, 2011, we have found the above-named facility to be in complete compliance with Title 55, PA Code: Chapter 3800 Regulations. Therefore, a regular certificate of compliance is being issued. Your Certificate of Compliance is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Cathy A. Utz
Interim Deputy Secretary

Enclosure

LICENSING/APPROVAL/REGISTRATION INSPECTION SUMMARY

NAME OF AGENCY/FACILITY: Community Specialists Corp.; Academy Sanction Unit NON-PRTF				TELEPHONE (412) 885-5200	OCYF REGIONAL STAFF APPROVAL	DATE
ADDRESS: 900 Agnew Road Pittsburgh, Pa. 15227				COUNTY Allegheny	David Majcher	5/19/11
INSPECTED BY; David Majcher				INSPECTION DATE April 19, 21, 2011 May 10, 13, 2011		5/20/11
INITIAL INSPECTION	RENEWAL INSPECTION	COMPLAINT	UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION	RANDOM SAMPLE	Elaine C Bobcek	5/20/11
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The Community Specialists Corporation operates 3 programs in the Pittsburgh area. The first is a Day Treatment program located near Baldwin. This program is twofold. It is a charter school which provides educational services to community youth referred by Allegheny County. Youth in this program are picked up each day and transported to and from school. Secondly, it provides community youth with structured activities and treatment during "after school hours". The program serves up to 250 Dependent and Delinquent males age 11 to 19.

The Academy Sanction Unit is a second program operated by the Community Specialists Corporation. It is a 120 bed residential facility which also serves a dual purpose. First, it provides a 30 day orientation/diagnostic period for youth committed to the Summit Academy in Herman, Pa. At, or shortly after this initial 30 day period, the youth are transferred to the Summit. Secondly, the facility also serves as a sanction unit, providing short term intervention for youth experiencing acute behavioral problems at the Summit. Stays in the Sanction Unit can range 3 to 30 days, depending on violation. The Sanction Unit is located in the same building as the Day/Evening program.

The Academy – Sanction Unit/Residential Program is the third program operated by Community Specialists. It is a 25 bed facility located in Library, Pa., Allegheny County, that serves both Dependent and Delinquent girls age 12 to 18. Academic needs of the residents are now provided on site with resources of the Academy Charter School.

The scheduled onsite inspection of the programs occurred on the above indicated dates. A representative sample of child records from each program was reviewed. A total of 12 child files were reviewed, along with 15 personnel files, representing primarily new hires since the last inspection. Interviews were conducted with 9 youth, while 6 staff were informally interviewed. Content and organization of child files continues to be acceptable. Increased blending of child records has been achieved so that they now accurately reflect activities and behaviors at both the Summit in Herman, Pa. as well as the Academy programs in Pittsburgh. Necessary documentation was up to date, and all timeframes for both required health screenings as well as therapeutic activities were met. The Diagnostic unit Explanatory letters provided to parents were a strong point, being very detailed, and effectively communicating program expectations. Reports were well written. As for staff files, all physicals, health statements, and clearances were in order

During the walk through inspections of the physical facility, the vast majority of youth observed, were engaged in meaningful educational activities. Staff to student ratios were being maintained, as was proper staff positioning. Interviews with youth supported the high number of activities, and there were no complaints in that regard. The most dramatic improvement in the Academy's programs was in the area of physical restraint reduction. Restraints have become nearly non-existent at the Academy. Child interviews consistently reported that staff will "bend over backwards" to avoid putting hands on a youth. A new culture, emphasizing non-physical de-escalation, appears to have been successfully implemented. Changes in Administrative/Supervisory staff, as well as the creation of a youth advocacy position to review all incidents have been key reasons for the success. A large direct care staff turnover rate has once again been noted, however in this instance, it has made for a smoother transition of program philosophy.Fire drills were run in accordance with regulations.

It was noted that the necessary information required by Bulletin #3140-08-01 was being maintained by the agency. Referrals, discharges, arrests, as well as restraints were being maintained in individual case records as well as in a master log. Truancy tracking for community students is also maintained at the program. Monitoring of EPSDT screenings is done by the medical department and recorded in medical file. Post release tracking as to employment and school enrollment is also being done.

1. 55 PA CODE CHAPTER	2. NON-COMPLIANCE AREA	3. CORRECTION REQUIRED	4. REQUIRED CORRECTION DATE	5. PROVIDERS PLAN OF CORRECTION OR RESPONSE	6. STATUS OF CORRECTION
3800	In Full Compliance	.NA	NA	NA	NA

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