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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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Mr. Lester Greenwood, President  
Board of Trustees  
Boys Village Association  
9740 - 8th Avenue Northwest  
Seattle, Washington 98117

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Dear Mr. Greenwood:

This is to advise you that we are denying your child care agency application for a license effective June 12, 1980, based on the following violations of the Minimum Licensing Requirements for Group Care Facilities:

1. WAC 388-73-048 Corporal Punishment - "Corporal punishment is prohibited except that spanking with the flat of the hand on the buttocks in a manner that does not result in bruises or other physical harm is permitted when other methods of discipline are found to be ineffective. The use of such amounts of physical restraint as may be reasonable and necessary to:
  - (1) protect persons on the premises from physical injury,
  - (2) obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object,
  - (3) protect property from serious damage,

shall not be construed to constitute corporal punishment."

Your group care facility is out of compliance with this requirement; specifically, your agency is using a Jokari paddle rather than "spanking with the flat of the hand on the buttocks" as this regulation specifies. Your agency director, Bob Berndt, informed our Region 4 licensing supervisor on April 30, 1980, that your group care facility has been using the Jokari paddle method of discipline since Christmas, 1979. This change of discipline, i.e., to the paddle method, was brought to our attention by the Department of Social and Health Services Region 1 Director on April 16, 1980, since he had received a complaint from a group care operator in his region that your agency was using swats with the paddle as your mode of corporal punishment in violation of the licensing requirements.

Should you disagree with this decision, you may request a fair hearing by sending a certified letter to the Chief, Office of Hearings, P.O. Box 2465, Olympia Washington 98504. The certified letter must be sent within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. If you make no request by certified mail within thirty days of the receipt of this letter, the license shall be deemed denied.

Sincerely,

JOHN D. LEONARD,  
Social Services Program Manager  
Region 4

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