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VELINA R. TREADWELL-RAZZ

Petitioner,

CASE NO. 00-1423

RENDITION NO. DCF-00- 336 -FO

(Nonrenewal of Licensure or Certification)

DIVISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE
HEARINGS

v.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES,
(DISTRICT 9)

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Respondent.

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**FINAL ORDER ADOPTING RECOMMENDED ORDER AND
DENYING RENEWAL OF LICENSE TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR
PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

THIS CAUSE is before me as the result of a Recommended Order that was issued by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) who had been assigned to hear the case by the Division of Administrative Hearings. The Administrative Law Judge agreed with the district's decision to deny the renewal of Ms. Treadwell-Razz' license to operate a residential facility for persons with developmental disabilities. The Recommended Order is attached to and incorporated herein by reference. I adopt its findings of fact and conclusions of law.

On February 25, 1999, the district notified Ms. Treadwell-Razz that her license would not be renewed because the "quality of care by (her) facility does not meet the minimum licensure standards(s) as specified in Chapter 10F-6." Of particular concern, according to the ALJ's finding of fact at paragraph #39, was the fact that:

All of the clients at the...group home were developmentally disabled adult males. All of the clients functioned at a very low developmental level. Some were just barely verbal. Clients at this level of disability need constant supervision while they are in the group home. They cannot be left un-

supervised without exposing them to serious risk of harm to their well-being. Even at night when such clients are sleeping, a responsible, appropriately trained, adult must be present in the group home to provide supervision and assistance if one of the clients wakes up in the night and needs direction or assistance.

In addition to the fact that the clients in the group home were left unsupervised, the licensee also violated rules regarding safety, client accounts, the qualifications of staff, and the maintenance of food supplies.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that licensure renewal is **denied** in Case No. 00-1423.

DONE and ORDERED this 29th day of November, 2000, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.


KATHLEEN A. KEARNEY, Secretary
Department of Children and Families

Copies of this Final Order are being furnished to:

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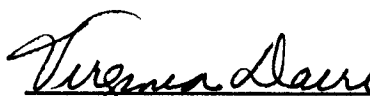
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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

A party who is adversely affected by this final order is entitled to judicial review. To initiate judicial review, the party seeking it must file one copy of a "Notice of Appeal" with the Agency Clerk. The party seeking judicial review must also file another copy of the "Notice of Appeal," accompanied by the filing fee required by law, with the First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee, Florida, or with the District Court of Appeal in the district where the party resides. The Notices must be filed within thirty (30) days of the rendition of this final order.¹

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and copy of the foregoing FINAL ORDER has been sent by U.S. Mail or by hand delivery to each of the persons named above on this / day of December 2000.



Virginia Daire, Agency Clerk
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