



State of Utah

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## DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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### DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

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*Director*

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Laura Hanson  
Chief of Staff to Senator Sara Gelser  
Laura.Hanson@oregonlegislature.gov

Dear Ms. Hanson:

Your request for records from the Division of Child and Family Services has been reviewed and completed. I have denied in whole or in part, your request for these records. Please see remarks below for explanation regarding your specific records request.

Your request specifically states you wanted records pertaining to the following facilities:

Provo Canyon School in Provo, UT  
Falcon Ridge Ranch in Virgin, UT  
Lava Heights Academy in Toquerville, UT  
Mt Pleasant Academy in Mt. Pleasant, UT  
Red Rock Canyon School in St. George, UT

The following record requests have been denied in whole:

- Any and all written communications between any person acting on behalf of the Oregon Department of Human Services and the State of Utah regarding any of these facilities. This is inclusive of email, text message, postal mail or other written documents for 2016 to the present
- Any and all licensing surveys of any or all of these facilities from 2016 to the present
- Any and all records of licensing or abuse violations at any or all of these facilities from 2016 to the present
- Any and all records of notices of licensing actions including but not limited to limitations on admissions, revocations, suspension, or conditions from 2016 to the present
- Any and all records of notice of cancellation of contract between any public entity in the state of Utah and any or all of these facilities from 2014 to the present
- Any and all records regarding notices of deficiency issues to any of these institutions 2016 to the present
- Any and all records of criminal charges brought against any employee of any of these facilities from 2016 to the present
- The total bed count for each facility

## **FULL DENIAL**

- ✓ No records that match this description were found within the Division of Child and Family Services. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann § 63G-2-201(8)(a)(i)(ii) if a record does not exist with the information requested, the agency is not required to create or compile a record.
- ✓ Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 63G-2-204(1), a request that requires a governmental entity to imagine all possible documents that may contain information desired by the person making a request fails to identify the record with reasonable specificity. To the extent that I am unable to determine specifically which records you have requested, your request is denied.

The Division of Child and Family Services does not maintain records on the specific information requested. The request may be better suited for the Office of Licensing with the Department of Human Services. You may submit a request online at <https://openrecords.utah.gov/>. Please see their website for additional information: <https://hslic.utah.gov/>

In regards to the last request/question of whether the State of Utah is currently placing children at any of the facilities listed above, the Division of Child and Family Services does not have a contract with any of the facilities and does not have any children placed there.

You have the right to appeal the denial of any withheld information. If you choose to do so you will need to send a written statement, within 30 days of receipt of this letter to:

Chief Administrative Officer  
Department of Human Services  
195 North 1950 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Your appeal must contain your name, your mailing address, your daytime telephone number and a statement of the relief you seek.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [lisasorensen@utah.gov](mailto:lisasorensen@utah.gov).

Sincerely,

Lisa Sorensen, MPA, SSW  
Records Administrator