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Christ Circle Facility

Many Factors Prompted License Revocation

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Overcrowding, failure to give required medications and lack of supervision were among violations cited by an administrative law judge in his decision to revoke Christ Circle's license to care for handicapped children.

Twenty-six violations of state licensing law were listed in an opinion issued by Judge Stewart A. Judson and obtained by The Sentinel.

The violations also included the discovery that the controversial Boulder Creek facility had more than two children assigned to sleep in each bedroom and had children sleeping in double-deck bunk beds.

Other violations cited are as follows:

— A failure to give one youth medicine for epilepsy. The medication had been prescribed by a doctor.

— Children housed in excess of the number authorized by the state fire marshal.

— No specific adult assigned to be awake and on duty during normal sleeping hours.

— Meals served which were different from the meals indicated on menus.

— One child housed in a building not cleared for fire safety by the state fire marshal.

- No plan of operations submitted, or on file at the facility.
- No identifiable established living groups of children.
- No evidence of monthly psychiatric consultations.
- No records of the driving records of employees who transport children in the facility.
- No written advice of rights at any time.
- No written rules of discipline.
- No admission agreements for several children at the facility.

— No records of physical exams for employees or administrators.

— No personnel records kept for facility employees.

— Children assigned to sleep in double-deck bunk beds.

— More than two children assigned to sleep in each bedroom.

The decision revoked Christ Circle's license to care for mentally-disordered children. However, the facility plans to appeal the decision.