



March 29, 2018

Case No. 1414180007

Camp La Junta
Attn: Blake Smith
PO Box 139
Hunt, TX 78024

RE: WARNING LETTER
Camp La Junta – Youth Camp ID# 133015

To Whom It May Concern:

On February 14, 2018, a formal complaint was submitted to the Department of State Health Services (Department), Consumer Protection Division regarding an incident, during the summer of 2009, which took place at Camp La Junta, 1661 Hwy 39, in Hunt, Texas. All youth camps in operation are required to comply with the Texas Youth Camp Safety and Health Act, Health and Safety Code Chapter 141 (Act) and the Texas Youth Camp Safety and Health Rules (TYCSHR), 25 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 265, Subchapter B.

The Department is authorized to enforce the Act and the Texas Youth Camp Safety and Health Rules (Rules), 25 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 265, Subchapter B. A copy of the Act together with related materials is online at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/youthcamp/default.shtm>.

Based on the department findings, this letter is to notify you that your camp violated the following TYCSHR requirement:

Failure to properly report incidents of abuse/neglect

Section 265.15(d)(1) states, "If a person, including any member of camp staff, a camp counselor, or camp director has cause to believe that a minor has been or may have been abused or neglected as those terms are defined in the Family Code, Chapter 261, and the abuse or neglect occurred at the youth camp, then that person ***shall immediately make a report, in***

accordance with Family Code, §261.101(a) to the Health and Human Services Commission Office of Inspector General, as required by

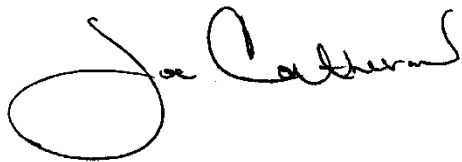
Family Code, §261.103. To make an online report go to https://oig.hhsc.state.tx.us/Fraud_Report_Home.aspx. A report intake form, entitled HHSC Office of Internal Affairs: Texas Youth Camp Waste, Abuse and Fraud Referral Form may be faxed to the Office of Inspector General, Internal Affairs, 1-800-436-6184. A report shall be made to the Health and Human Services Commission Office of Inspector General and may be made to a local or state law enforcement agency or other agency listed in Family Code, §261.103."

Camp La Junta failed to report the 2009 abuse incident to the Health and Human Services Commission Office of Inspector General.

No penalty amount is associated with this warning letter; however, this letter will become part of the enforcement case file and is available under the Texas Public Information Act [Texas Government Code, Chapter 552]. If violations occur in the future, the department may pursue a Notice of Violation for those occurrences.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (512) 834-6665, ext. 2344, or joe.contreras@dshs.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Contreras". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent loop at the beginning of the first name.

Joe Contreras, Enforcement Specialist
Enforcement Unit
Division for Regulatory Services