



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

M. JODI RELL  
GOVERNOR

CRISTINE A. VOGEL  
COMMISSIONER

December 1, 2005

Anthony DelMastro  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Children's Center of Hamden, Inc.  
1400 Whitney Avenue  
Hamden, Connecticut 06517

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 05-30644-EXM  
The Children's Center of Hamden, Inc.  
CON Exemption Request Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.  
Establish Short-Term Acute Residential Treatment (START) Program in Hamden

Dear Mr. DelMastro:

The Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") is in receipt of your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") to establish a Short-Term Acute Residential Treatment (START) Program at 1400 Whitney Avenue in Hamden, Connecticut. Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information submitted and makes the following findings:

1. The Children's Center of Hamden, Inc. ("TCCH") is a non-profit facility that provides care or treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons at 1400 Whitney Avenue in Hamden.
2. TCCH is proposing to establish a Short-Term Acute Residential Treatment (START) Program, an intensive 24-hour out of home alternative to hospital-based acute care for young boys at 1400 Whitney Avenue in Hamden.
3. The program will serve boys aged 8 thru 16 in need of moderately intense, staff secure, out of home treatment because of significant behavioral disruption in the current living setting or to provide a step down setting for individuals coming from acute hospitalizations.
4. The proposal is intended to serve all municipalities in Connecticut.

*An Equal Opportunity Employer*  
410 Capitol Ave., MS#13HCA, P.O.Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308  
Telephone: (860) 418-7001 Toll-Free: 1-800-797-9688  
Fax: (860) 418-7053

5. The Department of Children and Families (“DCF”), in a letter dated November 8, 2005, from Commissioner Darlene Dunbar, MSW, supports the proposal and the waiver of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
6. DCF stated in its letter, “This Short-Term Acute Residential Program (START) serves a vital sub-acute need.”
7. The capital expenditure associated with the proposal is \$0.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposal to establish a Short-Term Acute Residential Treatment (START) Program at 1400 Whitney Avenue in Hamden, Connecticut, meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b, C.G.S. and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s Certificate of Need process. Termination of these services would require CON approval, pursuant to Section 10a-638, C.G.S.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding the proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, at (860) 418-7035.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel  
Commissioner

c: Honorable Darlene Dunbar, MSW, Commissioner, DCF  
June Rodriguez, Statewide Coordinator, DCF  
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

CAV:pf