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Juvenile Justice Programs Office
Nevada Division of Child and Family Services
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Carson City, Nevada 89706

RE: Nevada Juvenile Justice Programs Office (09-OCR-0067)

Dear Ms. Salla:

On June 18, 2007, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) initiated a compliance review of all State Administering Agencies (SAA), including the Juvenile Justice Programs Office (JJPO), in accordance with federal regulation 28 C.F.R. § 42.206. The focus of the review was on JJPO's compliance with applicable federal civil rights laws, along with JJPO's monitoring procedures for ensuring that all DOJ-funded subrecipients comply with these laws. Of particular interest to the OCR was JJPO's implementation and monitoring of the DOJ's regulations, Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations, 28 C.F.R. pt. 38. (Equal Treatment Regulations)

The OCR conducted the onsite portion of the review on March 24, 2009. On February 3, 2010, the OCR issued a Compliance Review Report finding that JJPO had taken steps to comply substantially with the federal civil rights laws that the OCR enforces. However, the Compliance Review Report contained several recommendations for improving JJPO's methods for monitoring the civil rights compliance of subrecipients.

Since the issuance of the Compliance Review Report, JJPO has taken numerous actions to implement our recommendations. These actions include developing comprehensive complaint procedures for employees and beneficiaries of subrecipients who believe they have been discriminated against, adding a reference to the Equal Treatment Regulations to the standard assurance documents, monitoring subrecipients for compliance with federal civil rights laws during onsite monitoring visits, and requiring training for subrecipients on applicable civil rights requirements. The OCR has reviewed these actions and associated documents and concludes JJPO is in substantial compliance with its obligations as an SAA to monitor the civil rights compliance of subrecipients. Therefore, the OCR will administratively close this review.

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I would like to thank you for continued cooperation during the course of this review and the professional courtesy you extended to OCR attorney Debra Murphy. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Murphy at 202-305-0667.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael L. Alston". The signature is written in black ink and has a fluid, connected style.

Michael L. Alston
Director