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The purpose of this E-mail memorandum is to notify staff that, effective immediately, intake may resume at Ozark Center – Turnaround Ranch (OC). Intake was voluntarily suspended on December 23, 2004, following the alleged suicide death of a resident. Ozark Center has provided the Residential Program Unit (RPU) with a report which confirms that all policies and procedures were followed in compliance with licensing rules and regulations prior to and following the child's death. OC continues to explore additional ways of ensuring the safety of children as they receive treatment.

Please feel free to contact [Fred Proebsting](#), State Supervisor, RPU, at (573) 751-4954 if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

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