

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: JIM HARRISON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: VALLEY SPRINGS YOUTH RANCH-THE BLUFF PROGRAM  
2528 NORTH 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
POPLAR BLUFF, MO 63901  
DVN: [REDACTED]

The purpose of this E-mail memorandum is to announce that Valley Springs Youth Ranch-The Bluff Program, an operating site of the Valley Springs Youth Ranch, is, effective immediately, voluntarily closed. All of the residents were placed in alternative placements. The agency continues to provide basic core, residential treatment and intensive residential treatment services at the main campus in Black, MO and has another operating site, the Emert House, also in Black, MO (DVN: [REDACTED]) that provides basic core and residential treatment. Valley Springs Youth Ranch is contracted with the Children's Division for emergency shelter, moderate needs (level II), severe needs (level III), and intensive needs (level IV) residential treatment. You may contact Mike Williams, Administrator for Valley Springs Youth Ranch, at 573-269-4291 for placements and further information.

Please feel free to contact Fred Proebsting, State Supervisor, Residential Program Unit at 573-751-8926 if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

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