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MEMORANDUM

TO: County Directors
Regional Directors
State Staff

FROM : Mary Dean Harvey

RE: Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes

I am pleased to announce that effective August 1, 2006, the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Ranch, operating in five locations across the state, entered into an interim agreement with the Division of Family and Children Services and will provide services to our children by accepting a new rate for existing and new children placed in their facilities.

This interim rate of \$65.00 per child is a flat rate and will be applied to all children in their programs. As an agency, they are free to consider all types of children that they believe may be successful in their programs by assessing the needs of the individual child. The quality and the delivery of services is not expected to change the way they do business and the children that are currently enrolled in their programs will not see a change in their placements.

Counties that are in close vicinity of these locations are encouraged to consider using their facilities in meeting the needs of the children that are in need of group care placements. Listed below are the locations of their existing facilities and the addition of a new facility in Murray County, which was approved today.

- Georgia Sheriff's Boys Ranch in Hahira, Ga. gsbranch@alltell.net
- Georgia Sheriff's Cherokee Estate in Dalton, Ga. Cherokee_estate@yahoo.com
- Georgia Sheriff's Pineland in LaGrange, Ga. pineland1@bellsouth.net
- Georgia Sheriff's Herrington Homestead in Nunez, Ga. ranch1@pineland.net
- Georgia Sheriff's Murray County in Chatsworth, Ga.

All of the facilities have openings and the Murray County location is licensed for ten beds with no children in residence at this time.

Cc: Terry Norris
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