



EL DORADO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES *Child Protective Services*

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Director

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Tahoe Turning Point, Inc.
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Re: Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

The El Dorado County Department of Human Services, Child Protective Services Division, wish to express our support for the emergency and on-going services provided by Tahoe Turning Point, Inc.

The Department of Human Services has enjoyed a collaborative relationship with Tahoe Turning Point since 2008. Tahoe Turning Point has provided emergency shelter care, foster care, placement services, therapeutic counseling and substance abuse testing on an 'as requested' basis for clients referred by the County. Many children in our community, who come under the jurisdiction of the El Dorado County Superior/Juvenile Dependency Court, are in need of these specialized placement services. These services assist children with addressing on-going mental health issues often complicated by child abuse.

The Department of Human Services wishes to express its continued support for Tahoe Turning Point's vision as they seek to open a Level 10 Vocational Group Home. This Level 10 facility would provide substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, and vocational training and provide a safe, healthy environment. This type of facility, located in El Dorado County, would provide the Department with additional local treatment and placement options. Many of our youth in need of this level of placement are being referred outside of the El Dorado County Community.

Based on the relationship built with Tahoe Turning Point, Inc., the Department of Human Services remains optimistic that Tahoe Turning Point, Inc. is capable of effectively and efficiently operating the program.

If you have any questions or would like to contact me, I can be reached at 530-642-7300.

Sincerely,

Daniel Nielson, M.P.A.
Director