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RE: Meadow's Education Center License Renewal

The BRIDGES Program at the Meadows Educational Center, Brattleboro Retreat has been cited for providing special education services to a student who qualifies under a disability category of Autism Spectrum Disorders. A student with ASD has been served by the BRIDGES Program since May 23, 2013.

In April- May of 2013, KS was a patient in the Brattleboro Retreat's children's program. During her inpatient stay she received tutoring services at the Meadows School, a licensed independent school on the campus of the Retreat. KS's was finding success in the elementary classroom, Ms. Jean Reilly, was the Certified Special Education teacher. During this time period the Retreat's children's treatment team along with the WSESU Special Education team determined that a transition from inpatient to the BRIDGES Program, a day school, would be the most appropriate educational plan for her. The treatment team determined that KS's mental health needs were significant enough to have her placed in the BRIDGES Program because of the proximity to her home and the therapeutic treatment. KS was admitted into Jean Reilly's elementary classroom.

In mid-June of 2013 the BRIDGES team met to assess KS's progress. The team determined that KS needed a more structured classroom. KS joined two other students in an intensive needs classroom. The teacher assigned to this classroom has a MS in Special Education and an ASD Certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

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