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Re: Notice of Facility Closure – Late Notice Due to Unforeseeable Business Circumstances (Loss of Government Funding)

Dear Coordinator Triplett:

This letter serves as notice, pursuant to the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN), of the impending closure of the facility commonly known as and located at 4445 Pine Forest Drive, Lake Worth, Florida 33463.

As background, the continued operation of this facility was dependent on federal government funding. On March 24, 2026, USCRI received confirmation that funding necessary to sustain operations beyond March 31, 2026 would not be available. This loss of funding was sudden, unexpected, and outside the control of the organization. A copy of this notice from the U.S. Government is attached.

As a result, 53 employees of the facility were laid off on March 31, 2026. The permanent closure of the facility will likely occur when the U.S. Government directs where the children currently resident at the facility are to be relocated. The timing of this transfer is unclear at this point. Transfer of these children will impact the remainder of the employees at the facility, approximately 42 in number. All employees at the facility will eventually be laid off when the facility ceases operation.

Notice to the Florida Department of Commerce is being provided as soon as practicable following confirmation of the funding loss. Due to the timing of the funding decision, it was not possible to provide earlier notice. Accordingly, this notice is provided pursuant to the "unforeseeable business circumstances" exception under the WARN Act. In the past the U.S. Government has approved continuation of funding at the last minute before the then current funding was to lapse, and in some circumstances after the current period covered by funding had lapsed. USCRI was hopeful that funding in this current funding cycle for operations after March 31, 2026 would be granted consistent with past U.S. Government practice.

All employees of the facility were previously provided at least sixty (60) days' advance written notice of the potential closure and their separation dates. Employees were advised that the layoffs would be permanent in the event funding was not secured. This notice was provided out of an abundance of caution, as an application for continued funding was submitted as described above. Employees who were separated on March 31 will be covered under USCRI's health insurance plans for the month of April in accordance with USCRI policy.

Attached is a list of the job positions and the number of individuals affected by the closure, along with the schedule of job losses. There are no bumping rights applicable to this closure.

We regret the need for this action as USCRI has been serving unaccompanied children sent to the facility by the U.S. government since 2018. We appreciate the assistance of the Florida Department of Commerce in providing Rapid Response services to affected workers.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Larry Taylor-Brandon, Human Resources Manager, at ltaylor@refugees.org.

Sincerely,

Larry Taylor-Brandon
Human Resources Manager

cc:
The Honorable Sara Baxter, Mayor
(via Facsimile, E-mail, and Certified Mail)
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March 23, 2026

Matt Haygood
Vice President of Children's Services
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
2231 Crystal Drive
Suite 350
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Mr. Matt Haygood:

Thank you for submitting an application in response to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) HHS-2025-ACF-ORR-ZU-0042, Residential (Group Home, Shelter, Transitional Foster Care) Services for Unaccompanied Alien Children. ORR received a large number of applications in response to this solicitation. A panel of non-federal reviewers carefully reviewed and evaluated the applications according to the criteria published in the NOFO.

Unfortunately, after a thorough review of all applications, your organization was not selected for an award. The assessment of the review panels served as the basis for the final funding decisions. Enclosed you will find your application's evaluation, including the aggregate score and summary of strengths and weaknesses as identified by the review panel. We hope that the enclosed panel summary report will assist you in preparing future applications.

For availability of future discretionary grant opportunities, I encourage you to review the ACF Grant Opportunities webpage at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants. Additionally, www.grants.gov is the federal government's central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately $500 billion in annual awards. Thank you again for all the time and effort that went into the preparation of your application. We look forward to your participation in future competitions.

Sincerely,

Shawn Newman
A/ Deputy Director
Unaccompanied Alien Children Bureau
Office of Refugee Resettlement

Payroll Name	Job Title Description	Hire/Rehire Date	Column1
Nunez Marte, Ynmaculada	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	04/26/2021	resigned - 3/28/2026
Pierre, Eva Althea	Lead Medical Coordinator	02/11/2019	resigned - 3/31/2026
Sierra, Milady	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	01/28/2019	resigned - 3/31/2026
Alexandre, Soeurette	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	08/12/2024	Retraction
Pis Fernandez, Masda Yurany	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	08/26/2019	Retraction
Romero, Alba A	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	05/23/2022	Retraction
Aguilar, Jorge I	Case Manager	12/06/2021	RIF
Aguilera Alvarez, Rosa Maria	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	08/26/2019	RIF
Alexis, Odnie	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	04/08/2024	RIF
Aranda Avila, Barbara	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	11/22/2021	RIF
Ares, Liddiany	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	10/04/2021	RIF
Ariosa, Ingrid	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	06/21/2023	RIF
Aybar Munoz, Maria del Carmen	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	10/15/2019	RIF
Barthelemy, Magdala	Case Manager	10/10/2023	RIF
Bellorin, Ely Alejandrina	Recreation Coordinator	02/04/2019	RIF
Benavides Zambrano, Andrea V	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	08/28/2023	RIF
Cabrera, Adriana Maria	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	08/19/2019	RIF
Cadavid, Luz Mary	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	04/12/2021	RIF
Caicedo, Josefa Amparo	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	09/30/2019	RIF
Cardenas, Marijose	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	10/10/2023	RIF
Castillo Acosta, Yolaxys	Lead Housekeeping and Maintenance Worker	05/09/2022	RIF
Castillo Leiva, Martha C	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	01/16/2024	RIF
De La Cruz, Lisbeth J	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	08/12/2024	RIF
De La Cruz, Yesika	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	06/21/2023	RIF
Erazo Cabanilla, Magaly I	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	08/16/2021	RIF
Fanfan Bergler, Tatiana	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	05/06/2024	RIF
Filippi, Christell G	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	07/01/2024	RIF
Fonte Abejean, Rosali	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	07/05/2022	RIF
Garzon, Esperanza	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	06/03/2019	RIF
Ghosn, Najwa	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	03/11/2024	RIF
Gonzalez, Liliana D	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	01/16/2024	RIF
Hernandez, Grisel	Housekeeper	02/04/2019	RIF
Jean Mary, Westaphalie W	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	05/06/2024	RIF
Lemes Carmenates, Arletis	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	07/01/2019	RIF
Lopez-Musto, Rosa	Case Manager	07/18/2022	RIF
Louis, Zenita	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	03/11/2024	RIF

Marquez, Dilia	Case Manager	01/24/2019	RIF
Mercado Vargas, Erica	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	04/12/2021	RIF
Monastere, Rachelle	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	02/04/2019	RIF
Moya Moreno, Zoila A	Case Manager	11/07/2023	RIF
Olaza, Carmen L	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	08/28/2023	RIF
Omana, Zaida Ramona	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	11/25/2019	RIF
Panton, Andimore	Lead Security Officer	02/01/2021	RIF
Perez Torres, Maria	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	11/25/2019	RIF
Perez, Nuby D	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	03/15/2021	RIF
Pinero Moran, Sinabi S	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	10/21/2024	RIF
Polo, Susan	Clinician	06/03/2024	RIF
Ravelo, Yanivys De La Caridad	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	09/09/2019	RIF
Ruiz, Pilar	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	02/03/2020	RIF
Santos Chamosa, Mariela	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	11/22/2021	RIF
Sarmiento-Zamudio, Maria Camila	Case Manager	05/17/2021	RIF
Tomas del Pino, Maria V	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	11/22/2021	RIF
Trejos Trejos, Lina Maria	Training Coordinator	05/03/2021	RIF
Vergara, Sandra Milena	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	06/10/2019	RIF
Vidalon Mognaschi, Flor de Maria	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	12/30/2019	RIF
Villalobos, Silvia Ximena	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	07/17/2023	RIF
Wiersma, Bexy Elena	Lead Youth Care Specialist/Worker	04/26/2021	RIF
Zapata-Portillo, Lorena	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	07/05/2022	RIF
Zilaro, Michelle A	Clinician	03/20/2023	RIF
Arias Loaiza, Leidy K	Travel Coordinator	03/27/2023	
Ballesteros, Stephanie E	Case Manager	06/06/2022	
Castilloveitia, Raiza K	Clinician	12/20/2021	
Davis, Paula A	Lead Youth Care Specialist/Worker	04/10/2023	
Durrant, O'Dean A	Security Officer	08/12/2024	
Espada Vazquez, Joselyn	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	12/23/2019	
Gallippoli Laya, Lilianna Desiree	Medical Coordinator	02/11/2019	
Garcia Rodriguez, Gilma	Nurse	05/11/2020	
Gomez, Jheily	Lead Youth Care Specialist/Worker	06/17/2019	
Gonzalez Felix, Irina Alexandra	PSA Compliance Manager	05/17/2021	
Hernandez, Elvia O	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	08/01/2022	
Hernandez, Gloria Amparo	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	09/30/2019	
Lee, Opal Angella	Assistant Director - Residential Services	01/19/2021	
Lee-Ferreira, Rosalia	Lead Clinician	06/07/2021	

Lizarraga, Naya Jessy	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	12/30/2019
Marin, Carmen Sonia	Lead Youth Care Specialist/Worker	07/08/2019
Martinez Brand, Luz D	Travel Coordinator	12/06/2021
Masias Abarca, Perla del Carmen	Security Officer	02/11/2019
Mendoza Leyva, Dania	Operations Manager	07/17/2023
Montalvo Rodriguez, Kelly	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	11/25/2019
Morales Almaguer, Yadira M	Housekeeper	08/16/2021
Navas, Marianni	Lead Youth Care Specialist/Worker	10/15/2019
Norman, Marisol	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	11/12/2019
Paredes, Gabriela Eugenia	Travel Coordinator	03/04/2019
Peguero, Darleny	Quality Assurance Manager	03/25/2019
Perez Lorenzo, Maria A	Security Officer	12/05/2022
Perez, Julianna A	Clinician	01/17/2023
Plazas Forero, Edgar	Maintenance Worker	12/27/2018
Rivero Dominguez, Mirza	Nursing Assistant	08/26/2019
Rodriguez, Alejita	Shelter Program Director	09/20/2021
Rodriguez, Douglas Lazaro	Maintenance Worker	08/15/2022
Roman Gutierrez, Yazmin Bernadeth	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	02/27/2023
Rueda Jorge, Aida Josefina	Lead Youth Care Specialist/Worker	01/28/2019
Sanchez Rios, Naiviv	Nurse	10/10/2023
Stewart, Winston Alphonso Anthony	Security Officer	05/06/2024
Sweney, Elsa	Housekeeper	05/22/2023
Taveras, Angel	Case Manager	09/03/2019
Torrente, Monica Del Rocio	Youth Care Specialist/Worker	07/15/2019
Zepeda, Claudia M	Assistant Director - Case Management and Clin	08/28/2023