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## PIERCETON WOODS ACADEMY PASSES STATE INSPECTION

The Pierceton Woods Academy passed a state licensing inspection conducted by the Indiana Department of Child Services. The two-day inspection was completed on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and marked the sixth month anniversary of the opening of the new facilities. Pierceton Woods Academy is licensed as a 48 bed child caring institution serving boys age 8 and older.

The inspection report noted that the buildings are neat and attractive and, "Staff are knowledgeable and forthcoming." The inspection did not identify any findings requiring corrective action. The facilities will be re-inspected this fall as part of a routine annual inspection schedule.

Pierceton Woods Academy is owned and operated by Lifeline Youth & Family Services, Inc. Mark Terrell, Lifeline's CEO, stated: "Our programs are highly regulated and monitored by different government agencies. Our staff strive to meet or exceed the numerous standards and requirements. We are very pleased with the inspection results."

Two other programs at the Pierceton Woods Academy are monitored by state agencies. The youth detention program is regulated by the Indiana Department of Corrections and the alternative school is accredited by the Indiana Department of Education. Lifeline also owns and operates Riverwood Ranch and Stoney Point residential programs. Both are located in Kosciusko County and are licensed by the Indiana Department of Child Services to serve girls age 8 and older.

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Lifeline Youth & Family Services, Inc. provides a full continuum of prevention, intervention, and aftercare programs for children and families at risk for abuse, neglect, and delinquency. Lifeline will fulfill its mission of “changing hearts and bringing hope to a generation at risk” by working with over 8,000 individuals throughout the state this year.