

April 5, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley

Office of the Governor

1205 Pendleton street Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

A Concern Relative:

I am writing you this letter as a certain relative of one the residents at Jenkins Institute for Children
Located at 3923 Azalea Drive North Charleston SC 29405.

Governor Haley I am very worried about the safety of my relative and all the other residents, who was removed
from their homes due to allegations of abuse and neglect, and placed in care at Jenkins by DSS. My relative reported
me that she and other residents have called several reports to DECH/DSS, regarding inappropriate treatment of
residents. also , all the violations in the dormitory such as holes in the walls in closet areas, unclean stove/ oven, floors.
I pray that sneck don't come inside the building again. Because I was also told that a snake came into the building
where they are currently residing last summer. Most serious problems reported to me was that of minor residents,
being Sexually abuse by other teenage residents.

Nothing have been done to help my cousin or any of the children in the past year, to address their issues of being sexually
Abused or neglected. I believed that all these residents are still being neglected and abuse mentally by Jenkins Ins.
DSS placed them in care of Jenkins; to be protected, from abuse/neglect. DSS workers do not monitor the care of these
Children carefully, or either they believe whatever, the administrators tells them about a child.

Each time DSS/DHECH; went out they always found nothing to be wrong according to the Administrative staff
They would always placed the blame on the child/ran; by telling the investigators that the allegations was untrue only
to cover themselves or making it appears that the residents was lying each one on those residents should be interviewed
individually so that someone would listen and take necessary action to protect them..

There has been no Mental Health, Counseling offered to any of these children, for the past year, and there are no
supportive service on campus, or recreational activity. The children are not enrolled in any off campus activity, or

after school program; that would allow them to explore alternatives, or interest they may want to peruse in the further for themselves.

The newly assigned program director Mrs. Efia Milton's negative attitude towards staff, and some of the children, have resulted in all of Jenkins well experienced employees who had worked in group homes with teenagers , for many years, even at Jenkins ten or more years. Have all resigned from the Jenkins within the past 6 months.

To avoid themselves, getting caught up by the state due to Jenkins non compliance.

Those individuals were caring and worked closely with the residents. They offered one-on one counseling when needed,

Held group activity, and recreational activities, that allowed the residents to be creative and expressed their feeling.

The residents was always, encouraged to think positive during individual sessions, which allowed them to addressed

Their personal issues.

In January 2016, Mrs. Efia Milton was promoted to Program Director, for which she does have any experience in

Operation of a group home, or how to worked with abuse/neglected children, or teen parents. She never wrote a service plan that was shared with staff to follow; for any of the residents.

Now that the Broad of Director, where the president and vice presidents are her personal friends there's also a

New Executive Director Mrs. Hudson which also recommend the promotion off Mrs. Milton to a higher position.

Mrs. Milton negative attitude have gotten worse towards several of residents, and staff especially some of the

(Teen Mother's), who was in the program.

Including the ones she reported to DSS and request that they be replaced from Jenkins. Because Mrs. Milton ,

didn't want to deal with them, or she didn't like their attitude, because they often told her about her negative attitude,

and that she wasn't doing anything to help them.

I was also told that Mrs. Milton displays a (Passive Aggressive Behaviors), because she's always rocking back and forth when she's nervous, and refused to address serious allegations.

One of the most serious allegations that was reported to Mrs. Milton regarding a Newly Re-admitted residents,

approximately 16/17, years of age for which staff suspected that this individual, was engaging

minor residents to preformed sexual acts with her or she with them. Some of these children are victims of sexually

abused before coming into care.

Mrs. Milton's negative response to staff members was for them not to report anything to her regarding these allegations.

If they did not actually observed the 16/17 yr; old sexually engaging with another child. This week one of the staff did walk- in the bathroom and witness this same individual, engaging in a (sexual act), with a 14, minor performing sexual act in minor's rectum.

Mrs. Milton have, refused to allow any of the residents to attend off campus mental health counseling, since she was hired as a case manager in 2015. It is believed that Mrs. Milton is afraid that the residents would report all the negative things, that goes go on at Jenkins including her negative attitude towards them. She does not want to be exposed by the residents during their counseling sessions with their counselors.

Jenkins Institute For Children only house these young people, but offers them nothing, other than a bed and food.

There are residents at Jenkins; who does not attend school, or have refused to comply with rules and regulations.

If Mrs. Milton like's a resident then she allows that resident to do whatever, they wish, the same goes for certain staff.

Another concern that I have been told is that the Broad of Directors and Executive Director are allowing

Mrs. Milton to have her husband, to transport food from the pantry, or family member to come on campus to do many of the repairs in the dorms, unknown if either individual have been cleared by state central registry to be on campus among residents.

Mrs. Milton also has instructed the Resident's Assistance' s to write state reports, which is the responsibility of program director.

As a citizen I believe that we all have the responsible to protect our children from danger, and keep them safe.

Governor Haley, please help save these young individuals to get the service they deserve to have. I would not allow aonther minor to be physically/ sexually abuse by anyone. If there are no changes at Jenkins then I would report the problems to the press. DSS should not place any more children there until it is certain that residents are provided the care they need.

The staff at Jenkins are very afraid to report the serious problems, because Mrs. Milton often threaten that they can be replaced. my cousin said that the executive director don't enter act with them or does anything to help them either.

PLEASE HELP THE CHILDREN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I WON'T GIVE MY NAME BECAUSE I STILL HAVE A