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Rainbow Ranch Owners Permanently Surrender License

MIAMI, FL - The Agency for Persons with Disabilities entered into an agreement yesterday with the owners of the Rainbow Ranch group homes barring them from ever running another group home for people with developmental disabilities.

The operators, including former officer David Glatt, agreed to permanently surrender their group home licenses and never seek another one. The company ran three group homes for people with developmental disabilities in the Miami area.

In June of this year, APD imposed an emergency suspension of the Rainbow Ranch licenses following the death of a boy under the care of one of the Rainbow Ranch homes, in addition to other problems with the operation of the group homes.

APD Director **Jane Johnson** said, "The agency is very pleased to know that these individuals have agreed not to run or be involved in any way with a group home for people with developmental disabilities again. We have an obligation to protect the most vulnerable among us. By entering into this agreement, we have protected the people we serve and have drawn to a close a potentially lengthy legal process. "

APD currently serves about 35,000 Floridians with developmental disabilities of mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and Prader-Willi syndrome. For more information on the agency, call **1-866-APD-CARES** or visit www.apd.myflorida.com.

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