L.Y.F.E. TIMELINE

FROM IMPROVEMENT TO CLOSURE - AND WHAT FOLLOWED

Leading Youth for Excellence (L.Y.F.E.) | Steelton, Pennsylvania | June 2022-August 2026

LICENSING, PROVISIONAL STATUS, AND IMPROVEMENT	
JUNE 5, 2022	**Operations begin.** L.Y.F.E. opens at Dauphin County's former Schaffner Youth Center. The program is licensed for up to 48 residents and ultimately serves youth from approximately 20 counties.
MARCH 2023	**First renewal inspection: 141+ findings.** OCYF identifies more than 141 areas of noncompliance. Despite those findings, DHS renews L.Y.F.E.'s regular license.
AUGUST 2023	**First provisional license issued.** DHS moves L.Y.F.E. to provisional status. The facility remains licensed and operating while addressing identified deficiencies under heightened oversight.
DECEMBER 2023	**Second renewal inspection: 38 findings.** While L.Y.F.E. is on provisional status, findings fall by approximately 73% from the March 2023 inspection.
FEBRUARY 2024	**Second provisional license issued.** DHS continues provisional status as L.Y.F.E. works through corrective requirements and ongoing regulatory review.
JUNE 2024	**Third renewal inspection: five findings.** Findings fall from 38 to five - more than a 96% reduction from the first renewal inspection and approximately an 87% reduction from December 2023.
AUGUST 2024	**Third provisional license issued.** Provisional status continues despite the substantially improved inspection record. L.Y.F.E. subsequently appeals the provisional determination.
FEBRUARY 2025	**DHS restores the full regular license.** The third provisional period ends without a fourth provisional license. DHS restores regular status after what it described as "significant and continuous progress." L.Y.F.E. voluntarily maintains bi-monthly OCYF monitoring.
NOVEMBER 2025	**Next renewal identifies 12 findings.*** L.Y.F.E. remains fully licensed following the February restoration. The 12-finding figure is attributed to L.Y.F.E.'s legal filings.

> **THE LICENSING TRAJECTORY:** *141+ findings -> 38 -> 5 -> full regular license restored. The provisional licenses are part of the record, but so is what happened during that period: compliance findings fell dramatically and DHS ultimately returned the facility to full status.*

** Inspection figures and licensing chronology are summarized from L.Y.F.E.'s legal filings and supporting licensing materials. The August 2023-February 2025 provisional period is also reflected in public reporting concerning the 2026 appeal.*

EMERGENCY CLOSURE, AFTERMATH, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

FROM FULL LICENSURE TO EMERGENCY CLOSURE	
FEB. 25, 2026	**License revoked; emergency removals ordered.** OCYF orders approximately 25 residents removed, alleging "gross incompetence, negligence, and misconduct." L.Y.F.E. disputes significant factual and regulatory conclusions.
MARCH 2 / MARCH 2026	**Operations end; administrative appeals proceed.** L.Y.F.E. challenges the revocation before the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals, Docket Nos. B-26-02-14065 and B-26-02-14066.
APRIL-MAY 2026	**Local officials warn of system-wide consequences.** Commissioner George Hartwick raises concerns about displacement, missing youth, and lost placement capacity. Chief Detective Corey Dickerson notes that L.Y.F.E. served youth from approximately 20 counties.
SPRING-MAY 2026	**Attributed post-closure accounts emerge.** Family and staff accounts describe disrupted progress, failed placements, hospitalization, and serious injury after a planned return placement was no longer available. These accounts require source, consent, and privacy review and do not establish legal causation.
CURRENT | AUG. 2026	**Appeal, litigation, oversight efforts, and reopening discussions continue.** L.Y.F.E. says it is willing to operate under clear standards, enhanced monitoring, and appropriate conditions. Current litigation and resolution status require counsel confirmation.

RELATED BUDGET TRACK. May 1, 2025: submitted | May 9: accepted complete | Dec. 22: "Pending Final" | May 26, 2026: still pending | Aug. 10: legal filings allege approximately $2.79 million remained unpaid by seven counties | Aug. 11: Commonwealth Court action announced. Confirm filing, docket, and resolution status with counsel.

THE QUESTION THIS TIMELINE RAISES: *How did a provider move through three provisional licenses, reduce findings from more than 141 to five, regain its full regular license, and remain under monitoring - then become an emergency threat, and what plan existed for the children after closure?*