

**817—8.6 (15H) Decertification.** A youth mentoring program shall be decertified by the commission if it is determined that the program no longer meets the certification standards identified herein for a high-quality mentoring program, if program personnel cannot be contacted by the commission, if the program fails to provide documents requested by the commission or if the program fails to complete the required Iowa mentoring partnership quarterly reports.

**8.6(1)** Written notice of the intent to revoke certification shall be provided to a youth mentoring program when the commission determines that there is reasonable cause to believe the program does not comply with the rules contained herein. Notice shall be sent by United States mail at least 20 days before decertification becomes effective.

**8.6(2)** If the commission sends a letter by first-class mail to the last-known address provided to the commission by the youth mentoring program and the letter is returned as undeliverable, this may be considered grounds for decertification.

**8.6(3)** Decertification procedures may be initiated by the commission or following investigation of a complaint filed by the general public. A request for an investigation from the public must be in written form and shall specify the reason(s) why the certified youth mentoring program no longer meets the certification standards. Supporting documentation may be attached to the request. The identity of the complainant is confidential pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.7(18).

**8.6(4)** Benefits and designation as a certified mentoring program will continue until the final decision is issued by the commission.

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