

**OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
OFFICE OF JUVENILE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT**

Name and Location of Facility: Oklahoma Baptist Home for Children
Owasso, Oklahoma

Date of Visit: January 21, 2009

Oversight Reviewer: Anthony Kibble, Oversight Specialist

Subject: Announced Visit, 2009

Date: March 17, 2009

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an announced visit on January 21, 2009, at the Oklahoma Baptist Home for Children, located in Owasso. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities. The facility was licensed by the division of Oklahoma Child Care Services (OCCS) of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) for forty-nine residents. The program serves children in a faith-based environment and provides basic residential services, educational opportunities, and appropriate lifestyle experiences for boys and girls, ages five through eighteen. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was thirty-three. The Baptist Home for Children contracted with the OKDHS to provide services for OKDHS custody children.

Interviews Conducted

- Entry interview with the campus administrator
- Five residents
- Four houseparents
- Exit conference with the campus administrator, basic and maternity care program managers

Documents Reviewed

- Three resident files
- Two personnel files
- OKDHS Children and Family Services Division Contract Performance Focused Review report dated September 24, 2008
- Tulsa City-County Health Department Inspection report dated July 24, 2008
- OKDHS OCCS Residential Child Care Facility visit report dated December 16, 2008
- Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Fire Sprinkler Systems report dated July 15, 2008

- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal report dated April 30, 2008

Findings

Resident Interviews

The OJSO interviewed five residents. The sample of residents included representatives of each of the five cottages. Overall, the interview responses were positive regarding the staff, the program, and the quality of life. No concerns were identified from the resident interviews.

Staff Interviews

Four houseparents, representative of four of the cottages, were interviewed. The houseparents each indicated he or she was oriented to the needs of the residents, demonstrated familiarity with facility policies, and reported receiving sufficient training. No concerns were identified from the staff interviews.

Resident File Review

The OJSO reviewed three resident files. The files were complete for the items reviewed.

Personnel File Review

Three personnel files were reviewed for compliance with licensing standards. The OJSO noted that areas of discussion listed in the residential licensing facility visit report were corrected in the personnel files. The files were complete and were current for all three houseparents. No issues of concern were identified from the personnel file reviews.

The OKDHS OCCS report noted three personnel files were missing documentation of tuberculin testing. The OJSO followed up with the discussions listed in the report. All issues listed in the report had been corrected since the visit by the OKDHS. The OJSO did not note any additional concerns with the files reviewed.

Summary

On the day of the OJSO visit, the Oklahoma Baptist Home for Children demonstrated compliance with facility policy and procedures as well as established responsibilities.