

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

Name of Facility and Location: Brush Creek Youth Ranch
Jay, Oklahoma

Date of Visit: July 31, 2007

Oversight Reviewer: Dana Holden, Oversight Specialist

Subject: Announced Visit

Date: August 8, 2007

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an announced visit on July 31, 2007, to the Brush Creek Youth Ranch, located in Jay, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities. The facility was licensed for sixteen male juveniles by the Division of Child Care of the Department of Human Services (DHS). On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was thirteen.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the Director
- One direct care staff member
- Five residents

Documents Reviewed

- Two personnel files
- Files on five residents
- Office of the State Fire Marshal inspection report, dated March 23, 2007
- Oklahoma State Department of Health inspection report, dated March 6, 2007
- DHS Division of Child Care inspection report, dated June 19, 2007

Findings

Interviews

The OJSO interviewed one direct care staff member on-duty. The staff member demonstrated familiarity with policy and procedures and expressed appropriate

knowledge regarding allowable forms of discipline. No concerns were noted from the interview.

Five residents were interviewed. The residents described appropriate forms of discipline and knowledge of the grievance procedures. The residents described receiving from one to three hours of recreation per day. No concerns were noted from the interviews.

File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed two personnel files and the files on five residents. The files were complete and well-organized. No concerns were noted from the file reviews.

The OJSO reviewed the most recent inspection reports by the State Fire Marshal's office, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and the DHS Division of Child Care. No violations were noted on the reports.

Summary

Overall, the facility was well-maintained and appeared to meet the needs of the residents. The facility Director informed the OJSO that the New Life School, which the residents attend, had received certification by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

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