

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

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

**Date of Visit:** September 5, 2006

**Oversight Reviewer:** Dana Holden, Oversight Specialist

**Subject:** Announced Visit

**Date:** November 14, 2006

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**General Information**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an announced visit on September 5, 2006, to the Brush Creek Youth Ranch, located in Jay, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The facility was licensed by the Division of Child Care of the Department of Human Services (DHS) for sixteen boys. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was seven.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview and exit conference with the director
- Two direct care staff members
- Three residents

Documents Reviewed

- Two personnel files
- Files on three residents
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal inspection report, dated January 31, 2006
- Oklahoma State Department of Health inspection report, dated February 17, 2006
- DHS Division of Child Care inspection report, dated June 7, 2006

Areas Toured

- Entire facility

## **Overview**

### Interviews Conducted

The OJSO interviewed two direct care staff members. Both were familiar with policy and procedures and expressed appropriate knowledge regarding allowable forms of discipline. There were no concerns noted during the staff interviews.

Three residents were interviewed. All three described appropriate forms of discipline and demonstrated knowledge of the grievance procedures. There were no concerns noted from the resident interviews.

### Review of Files

The OJSO reviewed two personnel files and the files on three residents. The files were complete and well-organized. There were no concerns noted from the review of the staff and resident files.

### Observational Tour

The OJSO conducted a tour of the facility. There were no issues of concern identified during the observational tour.

## **Summary**

On the day of the OJSO visit, the facility was clean and well-maintained. The interactions observed between the staff and residents were appropriate. The residents made positive comments regarding the facility, and the staff demonstrated a desire to meet the needs of the residents and a willingness to provide a safe environment.

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