

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

Name and Location of Facility: Bryan County Juvenile Detention Center
Durant, Oklahoma

Date of Visit: May 16, 2006

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Subject: 2006 Unannounced Oversight Visit

Date: September 27, 2006

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted a routine, unannounced visit of the Bryan County Juvenile Detention Center on May 16, 2006. The purpose of the oversight visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The facility was certified by the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) for six juveniles. The OJA contracted with the Bryan County Board of Commissioners for the detention center and the County Commissioners, in turn, contracted with Youth Services of Bryan County for the actual operation of the facility. The detention facility is located near the Bryan County Sheriff's Department and the adult jail complex. The license is valid until April 2008. The facility was at capacity with six male juveniles on the day of the visit.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview with the Detention Coordinator and the Executive Director of Youth Services of Bryan County
- Interview with the Detention Coordinator relative to use of force/physical restraint and mechanical restraint
- Three residents
- Two direct care detention staff members
- Exit conference with the Detention Coordinator

Documentation Reviewed

- Case records on two residents
- Personnel file and training file of one detention staff member
- Facility resident census
- Facility incident file for February, March, and April 2006
- Facility policy for the use of mechanical restraints
- Facility policy for the use of force/physical restraint
- OJA Office of Public Integrity Amended Annual Assessment Report of October 10, 2005
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal inspection report of April 8, 2006
- Oklahoma State Department of Health inspection report of January 31, 2006

Areas Toured

- Dayroom, program areas, and sleeping rooms
- Outside secure recreational area
- Kitchen and food storage areas

Overview

Interviews

The OJSO interviewed three residents regarding their perceptions of safety, detention program services, rights of the residents, discipline practices, and other detention care issues. Overall, the residents were favorable in their responses regarding the facility program and the staff. Two direct care staff members were interviewed relative to supervision practices, staff training, participation by the residents in program activities, and discipline practices for rule violations. No issues of concern were identified by the OJSO during the staff or resident interviews.

The Detention Coordinator was interviewed relative to use of force/physical restraint and mechanical restraint practices in the facility. The interview responses were consistent with the facility's written policies and with the OJA detention certification standards.

Documentation Reviews

The case records on two residents were reviewed. On the day of the visit, both files were complete for the items reviewed. The personnel file and training file of one direct care staff member interviewed was reviewed for compliance with detention certification standards. No concerns were identified from the file reviews.

The OJSO reviewed the facility's incident file for February, March, and April 2006. There were no instances or attempts of suicide or escape. According to the file, there were no instances of room restriction/confinement or physical restraints during the period. One incident of a resident sustaining an ankle injury during a recreation activity was reviewed. No concerns were identified from the incident file review.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health inspection report noted the facility stored sugar in an unsealed container and bulk foods in unlabeled containers. The violations were not observed during the OJSO inspection tour. No issues of concern were identified from the reports of other inspections reviewed by the OJSO.

Facility Tour

The facility was toured. No concerns were identified from the tour.

Conclusion

On the day of the oversight visit, the Bryan County Juvenile Detention Center was operating in compliance with established standards and responsibilities. The responses from the staff members and the residents interviewed were consistent with an effective relationship-based behavior management system.

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