

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

Name of Facility: Cedar Canyon Adventure Program
Date of Visit: April 26, 2006
Oversight Reviewer: Dana Holden, Oversight Specialist
Purpose of Visit: First Biannual Visit for 2006
Date: May 19, 2006

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on April 26, 2006, to the Cedar Canyon Adventure Program in Weatherford, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) contracts with the Southwestern Oklahoma State University for the operation of the program which serves OJA-custody males. The program was licensed by the Division of Child Care of the Department of Human Services (DHS) for twenty residents. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was eighteen.

Interviews Conducted

- Two direct care staff members
- Three residents

Documentation Reviewed

- Two staff files
- Files on four residents
- Staff roster
- List of residents
- Most recent inspection reports by the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal, and the DHS Division of Child Care

Areas Toured

- Entire facility

Overview

Interviews

Three residents were interviewed. All three:

- stated they felt safe at the facility (two attributed those feelings to the staff);
- stated the food was good and second helpings were allowed;
- demonstrated appropriate knowledge of the facility's grievance system;
- described appropriate forms of discipline; and
- described receiving appropriate amounts of recreation time.

Two direct care staff members were interviewed. Both:

- described appropriate knowledge of the facility grievance procedures;
- described appropriate knowledge of the facility discipline policy;
- demonstrated a desire to provide care for the residents;
- reported having received adequate training for their positions; and
- rated morale as high among staff.

File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed the files on four residents and two direct care staff members. No areas of concern were identified.

Observational Tour

A tour of the facility was conducted. No areas of concern were identified.

Summary

The OJSO noted that residents received training in home construction through career technological education to prepare them for discharge from the facility. The Director reported of the benefits of the training. On the day of the OJSO visit, the facility was in compliance with established responsibilities.

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