

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

Name of Facility: Cedar Canyon Adventure Program
Date of Visit: August 16, 2005
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Subject: Second Unannounced Oversight Visit for 2005
Date: January 19, 2006

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted a routine, unannounced visit to the Cedar Canyon Adventure Program (CCAP) on August 16, 2005. The Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) contracts with the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) for the operation of the program, which serves OJA-custody males. The program was licensed for twenty residents by the Division of Child Care of the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Persons Interviewed

- An initial entry interview with the administrative assistant
- A subsequent entry interview with the residential juvenile specialist supervisor
- A sample of four of the seventeen residents in the facility on the day of the visit
- Two direct care staff members
- An exit conference with the administrative assistant and the residential juvenile specialist supervisor
- Informal conversations with residents during the noon meal

Documentation Reviewed

- Case records on two residents
- Personnel files of two direct care staff members
- The DHS Division of Child Care's inspection report of September 19, 2005
- Sprinkler and fire alarm inspection report of August 17, 2005

Areas Toured

- Grounds and recreational areas
- Residential areas
- Educational/vocational areas
- Dining and food preparation areas

Overview

Interviews

The four residents interviewed gave positive responses to the interview questions relative to their quality of life and participation in educational, recreational, vocational, health, and program services. Each of the residents described receiving educational/vocational services, health services, participation in service planning, regular participation in meaningful recreational activities, and receiving only appropriate consequences for rule violations. All four of the residents interviewed reported receiving regular individual and group counseling and were able to describe their service and discharge plans. Overall, the residents interviewed made favorable comments regarding the staff and the facility. No issues of concern were identified from the resident interviews.

The two staff members interviewed appeared to be familiar with facility policies and reported having current certification in mandatory training. Both reported the use of only appropriate disciplinary practices for rule violations by the residents. The staff members cited educational services, vocational services, recreational activities, and positive relationships as beneficial to the residents. No issues of concern were identified from the staff interviews.

Documentation Reviews

The reviews of two personnel records of direct care staff and the case records on two residents did not identify violations for the items reviewed. Annual inspection reports by fire and health agencies normally reviewed during oversight visits had not been completed since the last monitoring visit by the OJSO. The DHS licensing visit of September 19, 2005, noted damage to one of the beds and that some of the mattresses did not have sheets. The facility's correction plan noted on the DHS report indicated that they would order additional beds to replace broken ones and order additional bedding so that mattresses would be covered while sheets and blankets were being laundered. The OJSO has received documentation indicating that the new mattresses are on order and the beds have been replaced.

Facility Tour

All areas of the facility were clean. A hole in the north wall between the dayroom and the sleeping area was noted. The OJSO reviewers were told that it was a new hole and would be repaired promptly. Standing water with mosquito larvae was observed in two sailboats on the property. The boats had been donated to the facility. The water was removed during the OJSO visit. No other issues were identified from the tour. A subsequent DHS licensing report noted that the hole in the wall had been repaired.

Conclusion

Overall, the Cedar Canyon Adventure Program was in compliance with the items reviewed. The facility appeared clean and well-maintained. The staff members interviewed and those encountered during the visit demonstrated the abilities to maintain a safe environment. The relationships between the residents and staff seemed to be mutually respectful. The vocational skills program appeared to be a matter of pride to both the residents and the staff.

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