

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

Name and Location of Facility: Cedar Canyon Adventure Program
Weatherford, Oklahoma

Date of Visit: December 11, 2008

Oversight Reviewer: Dana S. Holden, Oversight Specialist

Focus of Visit: Second Biannual Visit for 2008

Date: January 15, 2009

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on December 11, 2008, at the Cedar Canyon Adventure Program, located in Weatherford, Oklahoma. The focus 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 is licensed for twenty-four residents by the Oklahoma Child Care Services (OCCS) division of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS). On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was eighteen.

Interviews Conducted

- Entry interview and exit conference with the Program Director
- Four residents

Documents Reviewed

- Five resident files
- Two personnel files
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Food Inspection report dated August 7, 2008
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal report dated July 21, 2008
- OKDHS OCCS inspection report dated September 17, 2008

Findings

Interviews

The OJSO interviewed four residents. The interview questions pertained to the residents' perceptions of safety, program services, resident rights, discipline practices, and other residential program issues. All residents interviewed:

- stated they felt safe at the facility;
- reported the food tasted good and that second servings were allowed;
- demonstrated knowledge of the facility's grievance system;
- described appropriate forms of discipline; and
- reported receiving appropriate amounts of recreation time.

No issues of concern were noted from the resident interviews.

The OJSO did not interview any direct care staff members. The staff on-duty had been interviewed previously by the OJSO and the OKDHS licensing unit.

File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed five resident files and two personnel files. All seven files were well-organized and were complete for the items reviewed. No issues of concern were identified from the resident and staff files reviewed.

Summary

The OJSO reviewed the most current inspection reports by the Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and the OKDHS OCCS. All of the violations noted in the reports had been corrected prior to the OJSO's visit.

The facility has a new director. The OJSO appreciated the director's cooperation with the oversight visit.

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