

**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: May 17, 2010

Oversight Reviewers: Dana S. Holden and Janice Sharp, Oversight
Specialists

Focus of Visit: First Biannual Visit, 2010

Date: June 29, 2010

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on May 17, 2010, at the Cedar Canyon Adventure Program, located in Weatherford, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures and to gather information for a systemic review of room confinement and restraint procedures in facilities. The Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) contracted with Southwestern Oklahoma State University for the operation of the program, which serves OJA-custody males. The program was licensed by the Oklahoma Child Care Services (OCCS) division of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) for sixteen residents as a residential child care facility. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was sixteen.

Interviews Conducted

- Entry interview with the program director
- Exit conference with the program director and two staff members
- Three residents

Documents Reviewed

- Three resident files
- OKDHS OCCS Residential Child Care Facility Inspection report dated December 9, 2009
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal report dated May 5, 2010
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Food Inspection report dated April 5, 2010
- Facility restraint log for December 1, 2009, through May 17, 2010

Findings

Resident Interviews

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

- All of the residents stated that they felt safe at the facility and attributed those feelings to the staff.
- When asked about the food, all of the residents responded that the food tasted "good" and they stated that additional helpings of food were allowed at mealtime.
- All of the residents reported recreation occurred daily and each resident interviewed stated that some of the recreational activities provided were activities that they otherwise would not have had the opportunity to do. The examples of recreation that were given by the residents included hiking, rappelling, basketball, and horseback riding.
- All three residents were able to explain the facility's grievance procedure. Two residents had filed grievances and reported knowing the outcomes of their grievances.
- All three residents had participated in community activities. Examples of the community service provided were lawn work and picking up trash in the community.

No other concerns were noted from the resident interviews.

Staff Interviews

The OJSO did not interview staff as the staff members on-duty were recently interviewed by OKDHS OCCS and there were no concerns noted.

Resident File Review

The OJSO reviewed three resident files. The files were well organized and complete for the items reviewed. No concerns were noted from the resident files reviewed.

Personnel File Review

The OJSO did not review any personnel files. The OKDHS OCCS had recently reviewed the personnel files, and the documented deficiencies had been corrected prior to the OJSO's visit. No other areas of concern were noted.

Inspection Reports Review

The OJSO reviewed the most current inspection reports by the Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal, dated May 5, 2010, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, dated April 5, 2010, and the OKDHS OCCS, dated December 9, 2009. There were only minor deficiencies noted on the Health Department report and the OCCS report. All of the deficiencies were corrected prior to the OJSO visit.

Restraint Log Review

The OJSO reviewed the restraint log for the time frame of December 1, 2009 through May 17, 2010. There were a total of sixteen restraints for this time period. The OJSO noted the following from the restraint log review:

- There were two incidents of restraint that were not recorded on the restraint log.
- There were three incidents recorded on the log that did not have an incident report in the log.

There were no other concerns noted from the review of the restraint log.

Areas of Concern

1. There were two incidents of restraint that were not recorded on the restraint log.
2. There were three incidents recorded on the restraint log that did not have an incident report in the log.

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