

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

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

**Date of Visit:** October 11, 2007

**Oversight Reviewer:** Dana S. Holden, Oversight Specialist

**Focus of Visit:** Second Biannual Visit for 2007

**Date:** October 18, 2007

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**General Information**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on October 11, 2007, to the Cedar Canyon Adventure Program, located in Weatherford, Oklahoma. The focus of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities. 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.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview and exit conference with the Director
- Four residents
- Two direct care staff members

Documents Reviewed

- Files on six residents
- Two personnel files
- Oklahoma State Department of Health inspection report, dated September 13, 2006
- Office of the State Fire Marshal inspection report, dated April 26, 2007
- DHS Division of Child Care inspection report, dated August 14, 2007

## **Overview**

### Interviews

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

- stated they felt safe at the facility (two interviewees attributed those feelings to the care staff provided);
- 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 interviewed two direct care staff members on duty. Both staff members interviewed:

- described appropriate knowledge of the facility's grievance procedures and discipline policies;
- demonstrated a sense of caring for the residents;
- stated they received adequate training for their positions; and
- rated the morale of the staff as high.

No issues of concern were noted from the staff interviews.

### File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed the files on six residents and two personnel files. All eight files were well-organized and were complete for the items reviewed. No issues of concerns were identified from the resident and staff files reviewed.

## **Summary**

The OJSO reviewed the most current inspection reports by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and the DHS Division of Child Care. No violations were noted on any of the reports. When brought to the attention of the facility director that the facility was overdue for an inspection by the health department, the facility director advised he would contact the health department to schedule an inspection immediately.

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