

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

Name and Location of Facility: Craig County Juvenile Detention Center
Vinita, Oklahoma

Dates of Visit: May 18, 2009

Oversight Reviewer: Dana Holden, Oversight Specialist IV

Focus of Visit: Oversight Visit, 2009

Date: June 24, 2009

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit of the Craig County Regional Juvenile Detention Center (CCJDC) on May 18, 2009. The purpose of the visit was to assess the detention program's compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The facility was certified for eighteen juveniles by the Office of Public Integrity (OPI) of the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA). The OJA contracted with the Craig County Board of Commissioners for the detention center, and the county commissioners contracted with ROCMND Area Youth Services, Inc. for the actual operation of the facility. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was twelve.

Interviews Conducted

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the detention director
- Four residents
- One direct care staff member

Documentation Reviewed

- Four resident files
- Two staff files
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal report dated March 12, 2009
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Food Inspection report dated March 18, 2009
- OJA OPI provisional license dated April 14, 2009
- Room confinement log for January through May 2009

Areas Toured

- Entire facility

Findings

Interviews

The OJSO interviewed four residents. All four residents gave favorable responses to interview questions concerning the food, staff, and facility. The residents interviewed reported that they were allowed approximately one to two hours of outdoor recreation each day. The residents were currently out of school for summer break. Each resident interviewed stated that the grievance process was explained when he/she was admitted to the facility. No issues of concern were identified from the resident interviews.

One direct care staff member was interviewed. The staff member demonstrated familiarity with facility policies and procedures and reported having had all of the required training for the position. No issues of concern were identified from the staff interview.

File Review

Four resident files were reviewed. The OJSO noted:

- One file did not document consent to provide medical attention to the resident.
- According to the medication administration record (MAR), only one resident was being dispensed prescription medication. The resident MAR indicated:
 1. An accurate record was not maintained of the amount of remaining medication after a dosage was dispensed.
 2. Medication was not administered at the frequency and time prescribed by the physician.
 3. An explanation was not documented when medication was administered differently than prescribed by the physician.

No other areas of concern were noted from the resident file review.

Two staff files were reviewed. The files were well organized and complete for the items checked. No areas of concern were noted from the staff file review.

Room Confinement Log Review

The OJSO reviewed the room confinement log for January 2009 through April 2009. Documentation indicated two incidents of room confinement did not meet criteria for room confinement. Documentation regarding one of these two incidents stated the resident was assigned room confinement for getting an attitude, making inappropriate remarks, and refusing to put his/her head down when staff called "games up". Documentation regarding the other incident stated the resident was assigned room confinement for talking through the intercom to another resident.

No other areas of concern were noted from the room confinement log review.

Observational Tour

The Craig County Juvenile Detention Center had moved into a new facility. The OJSO toured the entire facility. The facility has two pods, each housing nine juveniles, and each pod has a small dayroom. A large dayroom is shared by both pods. The facility has two classrooms, and eventually, each juvenile will have a laptop computer for his/her use. The facility is equipped with a state-of-the-art security system that allows staff persons in the central control room to monitor the residents, both visually and audibly. No areas of concern were noted from the facility tour.

Areas of Concern

1. Staff administering medications did not maintain an accurate record of the medication count in the MAR and did not document the reason in the MAR for not giving a resident his/her medication.
2. Staff did not always follow the physician's order when administering the resident's medication.

Violations

1. One of the four resident files reviewed did not document the authority to provide medical treatment to the resident, as required by OJA Requirements for Secure Juvenile Detention Centers. OJA policy, OAC 377:3-13-40, Records, (a), (16), states, "Facility staff shall complete a confidential record for each juvenile admitted to the facility and include, at the minimum, medical consent forms, court orders authorizing medical treatment, or documentation of request for medical consent."
2. Residents were placed on room confinement for incidents that did not meet criteria. OJA policy, OAC 377:3-13-44, Security and control, (c), (14), Room confinement, (A), (i)-(vi), in part, states, "Room confinement is used with detained juveniles:
 - (i) for self protection;
 - (ii) to separate juveniles from fighting;
 - (iii) to restrain juveniles in danger of inflicting harm to themselves or others;
 - (iv) to restrain juveniles who have escaped or who are in the process of escaping;
 - (v) to prevent destruction of property if reasonably related to (i) through (iv); and
 - (vi) [to] stop behavior that incites other juveniles which jeopardizes the safety of staff and residents of the facility and is reasonably related to (i) through (iv)."

Summary

A new director was employed at the Craig County Juvenile Detention Center. The director stated that the facility was not at its full capacity, but that the facility was receiving new residents on an almost daily basis. The OJSO noted that the Craig County Juvenile Detention Center staff were limiting their use of room confinement and were relying more on room restriction. The OJSO appreciated the helpfulness of the detention center staff for arranging the interviews, conducting the tour, and providing the necessary materials for review.

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