

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

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

Date of Visit: November 17, 2006

Oversight Reviewers: Cliff A. Aldridge, Oversight Specialist, and Kristal Nicholson, Trainer/Consultant, from the National Resource Center for Youth Services (NRCYS) of the University of Oklahoma

Subject: Unannounced Visit, 2006

Date: February 15, 2007

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted a routine, unannounced visit of the Craig County Regional Juvenile Detention Center (CCJDC) on November 17, 2006. The facility was certified for ten juveniles by the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA). The OJA contracted with the Craig County Board of Commissioners for the detention center, and the County Commissioners, in turn, contracted with ROCMND Area Youth Services, Inc. for the actual operation of the facility. The detention center was at full capacity with ten residents on the day of the visit.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the director and the assistant director
- Four residents
- Two detention workers (direct care staff)
- The OJA District Supervisor for District G arrived at the facility during the visit and was informally interviewed

Documentation Reviewed

- Case records on two residents
- Personnel files of two detention staff members
- Facility list of current residents
- Facility physical restraint log for August, September, and October 2006
- Incident reports regarding the four instances of physical restraint from August through October 2006

- Facility critical incident log for August, September, and October 2006
- Facility resident grievance log for August, September, and October 2006
- OJA Office of Public Integrity Annual Assessment Report, dated June 1, 2006, and the facility corrective action letter, dated June 30, 2006
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal inspection report, dated January 6, 2006
- Oklahoma State Department of Health inspection report, dated November 2, 2006

Areas Toured

- Dayroom, program areas, and sleeping rooms
- Outside secure recreational area
- Kitchen and food storage areas

Overview

Interviews

Overall, the four residents interviewed were favorable in their responses to the interview questions about their quality of life, the staff, and program services. No particular themes of concern were identified from the resident interviews.

The two staff members interviewed had been hired in 2006. Both reported receiving appropriate training and demonstrated familiarity with facility policies. No concerns were identified from the staff interviews.

The director advised of efforts to relocate the detention program from its existing location. The building is on the grounds of the Eastern State Hospital and is scheduled for demolition within the year.

Documentation Reviews

The case records on three juvenile residents were reviewed for detention certification standards. All three case records were complete for the items reviewed on the day of the visit. The personnel files of detention staff members were complete for all of the requirements reviewed at that time. No concerns were identified from the file reviews.

The inspection reports of other monitoring agencies were reviewed by the OJSO as required by the Oklahoma Statutes. Reports by the Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and the OJA either had no violations or there was documentation of plans of corrective action.

The OJSO reviewed the physical restraint logs and the incident reports for August through September 2006. There were four instances of use-of-force during the period. One

resident was restrained during August, and none were restrained during September. In October, one resident was restrained on two occasions, and another resident was restrained once. The facility reported sixteen instances in which room confinement was used during the same three-month period.

Observational Tour

The OJSO conducted a tour of the facility. The materials required to be posted were posted. Emergency equipment and procedures were in place. The medications were properly secured, and the accounting and dispensing records were current. The key logs were current, and emergency keys were available. On the day of the visit, the facility was clean and was well-maintained. Foodstuffs were properly stored. Three of the residents were on suicide alert; however, they were in the general population and were participating in program activities. No concerns were identified from the tour.

Summary

On the day of the OJSO visit, the detention center was operating in compliance with the OJA detention certification standards. The OJSO appreciated the helpfulness of the detention center administration and the staff for arranging interviews, conducting the tour, and providing necessary materials for the oversight visit.

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