

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

Name and Location of Facility: Deborah Rothe Group Home

Date of Visit: November 10, 2008

Oversight Reviewer: Sara Vincent-Spain, Oversight Specialist

Focus of Visit: Second Biannual Visit 2008

Date: February 17, 2009

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on November 10, 2008, at the Deborah Rothe Group Home, located in Oklahoma City. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The group home was licensed by the division of Oklahoma Child Care Services (OCCS) of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) for eight female residents, ages thirteen to seventeen. At the time of the oversight visit, the census was eight.

Interviews Conducted

- Entry interview and exit conference with the Program Director
- Social worker
- Three residents

Documents Reviewed

- Two personnel files
- Six resident files
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal report dated May 20, 2008
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Food Inspection report dated August 23, 2007

Areas Toured

- Entire Facility

Findings

Resident Interviews

The OJSO interviewed three residents. The interview questions pertained to resident perceptions regarding safety, program services, resident rights, and discipline practices. No concerns were noted.

Staff Interviews

The OJSO interviewed the program director and the group home social worker. No concerns were noted

Resident File Review

Six resident files were reviewed. No policy violations were noted.

Personnel File Review

Three personnel files were reviewed. No policy violations were noted.

Observational Tour

The OJSO conducted a facility inspection. The Oklahoma State Department of Health Food Inspection report dated August 23, 2007 was out of date. The OJSO contacted the Oklahoma State Department of Health and requested that a food inspection be completed as soon as possible.

Violation

1. The Oklahoma State Department of Health Food Inspection report dated August 23, 2007 was out of date. OKDHS Licensing Requirements for Residential Child Care Facilities, OAC 340:110-3-157, Physical facility and equipment, (m), Health regulations, states, "The facility complies with the state health regulations for buildings, utilities, grounds and food service sanitation and is inspected annually by the appropriate health department."

Exit Conference

The OJSO, the group home Program Director, and the group home social worker discussed the improvement of the overall attitude of the residents and staff members since the last oversight visit in April 2008. It was noted by the Program Director that the facility administration followed the recommendation made by the OJSO during the last oversight visit to continue with appropriate personnel action in an effort to achieve acceptable staff to resident communications. The personnel action along with a turnover in residents seemed to have had a positive impact on the treatment, communication and home-like atmosphere for the residents.

