

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

Name and Location of Facility: Salt Fork Adventure Program
Nash, Oklahoma

Date of Visit: May 16, 2011

Oversight Reviewer: Dana S. Holden, Oversight Specialist IV

Subject: First Biannual Visit, 2011

Date: June 17, 2011

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on May 16, 2011, at the Salt Fork Adventure Program, located in Nash, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) contracted with Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) for the operation of the program, which serves OJA-custody males. The program was licensed for sixteen residents by the Oklahoma Child Care Services (OCCS) division of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS). On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was sixteen.

Interviews Conducted

- Entry interview with the case manager
- Exit conference with the program director

Documents Reviewed

- Two resident files
- Two incident reports and one police report on three residents
- OKDHS OCCS Residential Child Care Facility Inspection report dated March 17, 2011
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal report dated March 25, 2011
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Food Inspection report dated December 3, 2010
- List of residents

Findings

Resident Interviews

The OJSO randomly selected and interviewed three residents. The OJSO noted the following:

- All of the residents stated they felt safe at the facility.
- Two of the three residents interviewed stated they do not feel the grievance system works because the administration always sides with staff.
- One resident reported he had been hit by a staff member while arguing with the staff.
- All three residents reported seeing other residents being improperly restrained by staff. One resident's arm was reportedly broken during a restraint.
- All three reported being cursed at by staff.

There were no additional concerns noted from the resident interviews.

Staff Interviews

The OJSO did not interview direct care staff as OKDHS OCCS Residential Child Care staff conducted staff interviews on March 17, 2011. There were no findings or areas of concern.

Resident File Review

The OJSO reviewed two resident files. The files were complete and the materials were easy to locate. There were no concerns noted from the resident file review.

Personnel File and Training Record Review

The OJSO did not review any personnel files and/or training records for direct care staff members as OKDHS OCCS Residential Child Care staff reviewed staff files on March 17, 2011. The staff files were complete for the items reviewed and there were no areas of concern noted.

Incident Reports/Police Report on three incidents

The OJSO reviewed an incident report on an incident that occurred on April 25, 2011, a police report on an incident dated May 9, 2011, and an incident report on an incident which occurred on May 13, 2011. These three incidents will be addressed as OCCY complaint investigations.

Inspection Reports Review

The OJSO reviewed the most recent inspection reports by the OKDHS OCCS, the Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal, and the Oklahoma State Department of Health. There were no violations or areas of concern noted.

Violations

1. All of the residents reported being cursed at by staff at the facility. DHS Licensing requirement 340:110-3-26 "Behavior and Guidance (c) Restrictions. Staff are prohibited from: (5) using harsh or profane language or actual or implied threats of physical punishment."

Summary

The OJSO discussed its findings with the facility program director in the exit conference. A copy of the Facility Exit Checklist was left with the program director noting one violation and no areas of concern. The OJSO noted that the resident files and the adventure programming continue to be strengths of the facility.

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