

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

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**Name and Location of Facility:** Enid Adventure Program  
Enid, Oklahoma

**Date of Visit:** May 6, 2008

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

**Subject:** First Biannual Visit for 2008

**Date:** May 19, 2008

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### **Introduction**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted a routine, unannounced visit to the Enid Adventure Program on May 6, 2008. The Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) contracts with Southwestern Oklahoma State University for the operation of the program, which serves OJA-custody males. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The program was licensed for twelve residents by the Division of Child Care of the Department of Human Services (DHS). On the day of the visit, the census was twelve.

### Interviews Conducted

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the Case Manager
- Five current residents

### Documents Reviewed

- Case records on five residents
- DHS office of Oklahoma Child Care Services inspection report, dated May 8, 2008
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal inspection report, dated January 10, 2008
- Oklahoma State Department of Health inspection report, dated August 22, 2007

### **Findings**

#### Files Reviews

The OJSO reviewed the files on five residents. Two files did not contain documentation of medical examinations within sixty days prior to the residents' admission to the program or within thirty days following admission. The OJSO noted that although the facility had reduced the amount of Loss of Privilege (LOP) time residents received for

rule infractions, residents continued to receive an inordinate amount of LOP time. For example, residents received from four to eight hours of LOP time for sleeping on the van when returning from the school. When asked why residents were not allowed to sleep on the van, staff stated, "That's what we have always done." Staff could not provide an explanation for the sanction; it appeared sanctioning residents for sleeping on the van was based more on tradition than necessity. If the facility believes this rule needs to be in place, then the sanction should be to teach the resident rather than to punish the resident. No other concerns were noted from the review of the resident files.

The OJSO did not review the files on direct care staff.

The OJSO reviewed the most recent inspection reports by the State Fire Marshal's office, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and the DHS Division of Child Care. No violations were cited on the reports.

### Interviews

The OJSO interviewed five residents. The OJSO noted:

- More than a majority of the interviewees reported they felt safe at the facility.
- More than a majority of the interviewees reported they did not file grievances because they did not believe the process worked. All five reported that staff had explained the grievance procedures and that the forms were readily available to any resident who wanted to file a grievance.

No additional concerns were noted from the resident interviews.

The OJSO did not conduct staff interviews, as the staff members had gone on a recreational outing with the residents.

### **Areas of Concern**

1. Grievances were not filed, because the juveniles did not believe the process worked.
2. Staff continued to assign what appeared to be an inordinate amount of LOP time for minor rule infractions.

### **Violation**

1. Two of the five resident files reviewed did not contain documentation of medical examinations. DHS licensing standards, Section 154, Social services, (a), Admission, (5), states, "Residents receive a medical examination by a health professional within 60 days prior to admission or within 30 days following admission. However, a documented medical exam performed within the 12 months prior to admission is acceptable when a resident is transferred from another licensed facility."

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