

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

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**Name and Location of Facility:** Foss Lake Adventure Program  
Foss, Oklahoma

**Date of Visit:** October 26, 2006

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

**Focus of Visit:** Second Biannual Visit for 2006

**Date:** January 10, 2007

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**General Information**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on October 26, 2006, to the Foss Lake Adventure Program, located in Foss, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The program was licensed by the Division of Child Care of the Department of Human Services (DHS) for sixteen residents. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was sixteen.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the Program Administrator
- Four residents

Documentation Reviewed

- Most recent inspection reports by the Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and the DHS Division of Child Care
- Two personnel files
- Files on five residents

Areas Toured

- Entire facility

## **Overview**

### Interviews

The OJSO interviewed four residents. The interview questions pertained to the residents' perceptions of safety, program services, the rights of residents, discipline practices, and other residential program issues. The OJSO noted:

- Positive responses were made pertaining to safety, participation in recreation, community activities, and benefiting from the program.
- Positive comments were made regarding the staff members.
- Only appropriate consequences for rule violations were reported.

### File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed the files on five residents. The files were well-organized, and the materials were easy to locate. There were no concerns noted from the review of the resident files.

The OJSO reviewed two personnel files. The files were well-organized and contained the required documentation for the items reviewed. There were no concerns identified from the review of the personnel files.

### Observational Tour

The OJSO conducted a tour of the facility. The physical plant was spacious. On the day of the OJSO visit, the facility was clean and well-maintained. The dormitory area was equipped with a sprinkler system, and all inspections on the fire system were current. The facility has a weight room, with a climbing wall, and a ROPES course for the residents.

## **Summary**

The documentation was in good order and was complete. The program offered recreational opportunities to the residents that they might not otherwise be able to access, including field trips, scuba diving, camping, and rappelling.

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