

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

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

Date of Visit: June 13, 2006

Oversight Reviewer: Dana S. Holden, Oversight Specialist

Focus of Visit: First Visit for 2006

Date: July 11, 2006

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) made an unannounced visit to the Foss Lake Adventure Program on June 13, 2006. 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 fifteen.

Interviews Conducted

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the Program Case Manager
- Two direct care staff
- Four residents

Materials Reviewed

- Most recent inspection reports from 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 four residents

Areas Toured

- Entire facility

Overview

Interviews

The four residents interviewed were asked questions pertaining to facility standards, program services, and quality of life. The OJSO noted the following from the resident interviews:

- The residents responded favorably to the interview questions pertaining to safety, participation in recreation, community activities, and benefiting from the program.
- The residents responded favorably regarding the staff.
- The residents reported only appropriate consequences for rule violations.

The two direct care staff members interviewed reported having the required training certifications. They also reported imposing only acceptable consequences for resident rule violations.

File Reviews

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

The OJSO reviewed two personnel files. The files were well-organized and contained the required documentation. There were no concerns noted during the review of the personnel files.

Inspection Tour

The OJSO conducted a tour of the facility. The physical plant was spacious and appeared clean and well-maintained on the day of the visit. 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 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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