

**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: February 6, 2007

Oversight Reviewer: Dana S. Holden, Oversight Specialist

Focus of Visit: First Biannual Visit for 2007

Date: February 15, 2007

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on February 6, 2007, 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 case manager
- Six 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
- Four personnel files
- Files on six residents

Areas Toured

- Entire facility

Overview

Interviews

The OJSO interviewed six 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:

- All six interviewees made positive statements regarding safety, participation in recreation, community activities, and benefiting from the program.
- All six made positive comments regarding the staff members.
- Only appropriate consequences for rule violations were reported.

Staff interviews were not conducted. All staff available were familiar with the OJSO and had been previously interviewed.

File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed the files on six 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 four personnel files. The files were well-organized, and the materials were easy to locate. One file documented that the staff member had received six hours of training during 2006. There were no other concerns noted during the review of the staff 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 was well-maintained. The dormitory area was equipped with a sprinkler system, and all inspections on the fire system were current. The facility had a ROPES course for the residents and a weight room with a wall constructed for climbing.

Summary

The documentation was in good order and was complete, with one exception noted. The residents commented favorably about the recreational opportunities available to them. The residents participated in field trips, scuba diving, camping, rappelling, and other activities.

Finding

1. One file documented six hours of training for the staff member. Department of Human Services licensing standards, Section 153.1, Personnel, (m), Staff training, (3), Training for child care staff, (A), in part, states, "Full-time child care staff obtain a minimum of 24 clock hours per calendar year of staff development courses."

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