

**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: November 19, 2009

Oversight Reviewers: Dana S. Holden and Janice Sharp, Oversight
Specialists

Focus of Visit: Second Biannual Visit, 2009

Date: February 17, 2010

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on November 19, 2009, at the Foss Lake Adventure Program, located near Foss, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The program was licensed for eighteen male 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 program administrator and the case manager
- Four residents
- Exit conference with the program administrator

Documents Reviewed

- Four resident files
- Two personnel files and training records
- OJSO oversight report dated July 1, 2009, regarding the oversight visit of May 12, 2009
- List of residents
- Staff roster

Areas Toured

- Entire facility

Findings

Interviews

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

- All four interviewees stated that they felt safe at the facility; two of the four interviewees attributed their feelings to the actions of staff.
- When asked to rate the food between 1 and 10, with 1 indicating the food tasted terrible and 10 indicating that the food tasted great, all four interviewees rated the food above 5. One interviewee rated the food as 6, another interviewee rated the food as 7, another interviewee rated the food as 8, and the other interviewee rated the food as 9.
- All four interviewees stated that additional helpings of food were allowed.
- All four interviewees reported that they received recreation daily. Examples of the recreation included swimming, ROPES course, weight lifting, rappelling, sports, and canoeing.
- All four interviewees were knowledgeable of the facility's grievance process.
- All four interviewees reported having filed grievances, and they each reported having been told the outcomes of their grievances.
- All four interviewees reported that they participated in community service while at the facility. When asked to give an example of a community activity, all four interviewees stated they had picked up trash along the roadway.

The OJSO did not interview any staff members during this oversight visit, as the OJSO had previously interviewed all of the staff members who were on-duty on the day of the OJSO visit.

File Review

The OJSO reviewed four resident files. One file did not document a medical examination for the resident. No other concerns were noted from the resident files reviewed.

The OJSO reviewed two personnel files and training records. Both files were complete for the items reviewed. No concerns were noted from the personnel files and training records reviewed.

Observational Tour

The OJSO toured the facility and the classroom. One resident participated in hosting the facility tour with the case manager. No concerns were noted from the observational tour.

Violation

1. One of the four resident files reviewed did not document a medical examination for the resident. OKDHS Licensing Requirements for Residential Child Care Facilities, OAC 340:110-154.3, Health and medical services, (b), Medical examination, states, "Each resident receives a medical examination annually"

Summary

The facility had received computers from the Canute public school system. The facility school teacher had been working to set up the computers so that restricted internet materials and information could not be accessed. There was a computer for each resident, and each resident would be assigned a computer on which to complete his school work and learn computer skills.

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