

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

Name and Location of Facility: Garfield County Juvenile Detention Center
Enid, Oklahoma

Date of Visit: August 29, 2006

Oversight Reviewer: Dana S. Holden, Oversight Specialist

Focus of Visit: Unannounced Visit

Date: January 24, 2007

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on August 29, 2006, to the Garfield County Juvenile Detention Center, located in Enid, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The facility was certified by the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) for eleven residents. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was nine.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the facility director
- Two direct care staff members
- Three residents

Documentation Reviewed

- Personnel files of two direct care staff members
- Files on four residents
- Enid Fire Department's inspection report, dated May 30, 2006
- Oklahoma State Department of Health's inspection report, dated April 25, 2006
- OJA Office of Public Integrity monitoring report, dated March 31, 2006

Areas Toured

- Entire facility

Overview

Interviews

The OJSO interviewed three residents. The interview questions pertained to the residents' perception of safety, detention program services, the rights of residents, discipline practices, and other detention care issues. Two direct care staff members were interviewed. The interview questions pertained to the staff members' perceptions of program services, the rights of residents, discipline policies, and other detention program issues. No issues of concern were noted from the resident and staff interviews.

File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed the files on four residents. The files reviewed were well-organized and were complete for the items checked. The personnel files of two direct care staff members were reviewed. The files were complete for the items reviewed, and the materials were easy to locate. No issues of concern were noted from the review of resident and staff files.

Observational Tour

The OJSO conducted a tour of the facility. On the day of the OJSO visit, the facility was clean and well-maintained. No concerns were noted from the observational tour. The OJSO noted that the violations listed in the most recent Oklahoma State Department of Health's inspection report were not present during the OJSO's visit. The facility was in the process of responding with a written plan of compliance to the violations listed in the OJA's most recent monitoring report.

Summary

On the day of the OJSO visit, the documentation was in good order and the files were complete. The interactions observed between the staff and the residents were appropriate. The residents made positive comments regarding the staff and the program, and the staff members demonstrated an ability to meet the needs of the residents.

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