

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

Name and Location of Facility: Goodland Presbyterian Children's Home
Hugo, Oklahoma

Date of Visit: November 17, 2008

Oversight Reviewers: Harold Jergenson, Oversight Specialist

Focus of Visit: Announced Visit

Date: February 13, 2008

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an announced visit on November 17, 2008, at the Goodland Presbyterian Children's Home, located in Hugo. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities. The Goodland Presbyterian Children's Home is licensed for thirty-six beds by the division of Oklahoma Child Care Services (OCCS) of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS). The facility is privately funded through grants and donations. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was sixteen. All of the residents were private admissions.

The Goodland Academy, as it is known locally, maintains three cottages. Each cottage is supervised by a pair of houseparent's (married couples), who are in residence. On the date of the OJSO visit, two cottages, Sheppard and Shoap, were in use.

Interviews Conducted

- Entry conference with the Facility Director and the Program Manager
- Two employees
- Four residents
- Exit conference with the Facility Director and the Program Manager

Documents Reviewed

- Census for the facility, including review of the residents' birth dates and admission dates
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Food Inspection report dated August 18, 2008

- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal report dated October 31, 2008, citing deficiencies /violations
- OKDHS OCCS Residential Child Care Facility Inspection report dated July 11, 2008
- Copy of the OKDHS OCCS license as a Residential Child Care Facility dated November 1, 2001, for a maximum of thirty-six residents
- Three personnel files
- Four resident files
- Recreation schedule

Areas Toured

- Resident Rooms
- Common Area
- Bathrooms
- Kitchens
- Classrooms

Findings

Resident Interviews

The OJSO interviewed four residents. The interview questions pertained to the residents' perceptions regarding safety, program services, resident rights, discipline practices, and other residential program issues. No issues of concern were identified from the resident interviews.

Staff Interviews

The OJSO interviewed two staff members. The interview questions pertained to the staff members' perceptions regarding resident rights, discipline policies, and other residential program issues. No issues of concern were identified from the staff interviews.

Observational Tour

The OJSO conducted a tour of the facility. The program is housed in older buildings that are maintained relatively well. No concerns were noted from the observational tour.

Personnel File Review

Three personnel files were reviewed. The files were in order for the items reviewed. No concerns were noted from the personnel file review.

Resident File Review

Four resident files were reviewed. The files were in order for the items reviewed. No concerns were noted from the resident file review.

Summary

The program is housed in an older building that is maintained relatively well. The OJSO was told there is a concerted effort by the Board of the Directors to rebuild the facility on the same land. Although the facility has blueprints for the updated facilities, funding sources are still being acquired. The program has undergone a transition to a positive re-directive disciplinary structure that integrates an educational component, a positive self-image and emotional needs development philosophy, and a non-sectarian spiritual emphasis.