

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

Name and Location of Facility: J. Roy Dunning Children's Shelter
Lawton, Oklahoma

Date of Visit: June 12, 2007

Oversight Reviewer: Dana S. Holden, Oversight Specialist

Focus of Visit: Announced Visit

Date: July 17, 2007

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an announced visit on June 12, 2007, to the J. Roy Dunning Children's Shelter, located in Lawton, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities. The facility was licensed for twenty-four residents by the Division of Child Care of the Department of Human Services (DHS). On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was seven; one resident was an infant.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the Assistant Director
- Four residents
- One direct care staff member

Documents Reviewed

- Files on six residents
- Two staff files
- Oklahoma State Department of Health inspection report, dated November 1, 2006
- Fire Marshal inspection report, dated December 11, 2006, by the Lawton Fire Department
- DHS Division of Child Care inspection report, dated May 22, 2007

Findings

Interviews

The OJSO interviewed four residents. The interviewees:

- stated they felt safe at the facility and attributed those feelings to the staff;
- stated the food was good and second helpings were allowed;
- described appropriate forms of discipline for rule violations; and
- described adequate amounts of recreation time.

No concerns were noted from the resident interviews.

One direct care staff member was interviewed. The interviewee:

- described appropriate knowledge of the facility's grievance procedures and discipline policy;
- demonstrated a genuine sense of caring for the residents; and
- stated adequate training was received for his/her position.

No concerns were noted from the staff interview.

File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed the files on six residents. The files were essentially complete and well-organized. There were no concerns noted from the resident file reviews.

Two personnel files were reviewed. The files were orderly and complete for the items reviewed. No concerns were noted from the personnel file reviews.

Summary

The OJSO reviewed the most recent inspection reports by the DHS Division of Child Care, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and the Lawton Fire Department. There were no violations noted on the reports. On the day of the OJSO visit, the facility appeared to be meeting the needs of the residents.

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