

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

Name and Location of Facility: Lawton Adventure Program
Lawton, Oklahoma

Date of Visit: December 2, 2008

Oversight Reviewer: Dana S. Holden, Oversight Specialist

Subject: Second Biannual Visit for 2008

Date: February 23, 2009

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit to the Lawton Adventure Program on December 2, 2008. The Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) contracts with Southwestern Oklahoma State University for the operation of the program, which serves OJA-custody males. The purpose of the OJSO visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The program is licensed for sixteen residents by the Oklahoma Child Care Services (OCCS) division of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS). On the day of the visit, the census was fifteen.

Interviews Conducted

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the Program Administrator
- Four residents

Documents Reviewed

- Four resident files
- OKDHS OCCS inspection report dated October 30, 2008
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal report dated January 28, 2008
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Food Inspection report dated February 11, 2008

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. No concerns were noted from the resident interviews.

The OJSO did not interview staff as the staff members had been recently interviewed by the OKDHS OCCS and had been previously interviewed by the OJSO at its first biannual visit. The OCCS had not noted any concerns regarding the staff.

File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed four resident files. The files were well-organized, and the materials were easy to locate. No concerns were noted from the resident files reviewed.

The OJSO did not review any personnel files. The OKDHS OCCS had recently reviewed the personnel files and had noted that one staff member's file did not contain documentation verifying tuberculin testing and the employee's cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification had expired. Both deficiencies had been corrected prior to the OJSO's visit. No other areas of concern were noted.

The OJSO reviewed the most recent inspection reports by the OKDHS OCCS, the fire marshal's office, and the health department. The OCCS report had cited the facility for a personnel file not containing all required documentation and the housing unit having minor structural damage. On the day of the OJSO visit, documentation indicated that the violations had been corrected. The fire marshal's report had not cited any deficiencies. The health department report had cited minor deficiencies that had been corrected prior to the OJSO's visit.

Summary

The OJSO was advised that the facility had purchased approximately 140 acres of land near Geronimo, Oklahoma, on which to build a new facility. The program director stated that a job training program would be incorporated at the new facility. The OJSO and the program director visited the new site on the day of the OJSO visit. The program director explained that after the final building plans were approved and the building permits were obtained, construction would begin.

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