

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

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

Date of Visit: October 11, 2010

Oversight Reviewer: Dana S. Holden Oversight Specialist IV

Focus of Visit: Second Biannual Visit, 2010

Date: December 30, 2010

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit at the Lawton Adventure Program on October 11, 2010. The purpose of the OJSO visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) contracted with Southwestern Oklahoma State University for the operation of the program, which serves OJA-custody males. The program was licensed for sixteen residents by the division of Oklahoma Child Care Services (OCCS) of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) as a residential child care facility. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was fifteen.

Interviews Conducted

- Entry interview with the program administrator
- Exit conference with the case manager
- Three residents

Documents Reviewed

- Three resident files
- OKDHS OCCS Residential Child Care Facility Inspection report dated August 26, 2010
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal report dated January 13, 2010
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Food Inspection report dated April 19, 2010

Findings

Resident Interviews

The OJSO interviewed three residents. The interview questions pertained to the residents' perceptions of safety, program services, resident rights, discipline practices, and other residential program issues. There were no concerns noted from the resident interviews.

Staff Interviews

The OJSO did not interview staff; however, the OJSO had interviewed the staff members on duty on several prior occasions. The staff members had also been interviewed recently by the OKDHS OCCS. The OCCS had not noted any concerns regarding the staff.

Resident File Review

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

Inspection Reports by other Agencies

The OJSO reviewed the most recent inspection reports by the OKDHS OCCS, the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's office, and the Oklahoma State Department of Health. There were no concerns noted from the inspection reports.

Summary

The OJSO listed two areas as strengths of the facility. The first was the resident files. The files were well-organized and complete for the documents reviewed. The second area of strength was the fact that residents' at Lawton Adventure Program were afforded numerous opportunities for recreational activities that they would not otherwise have.

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