

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

Name and Location of Facility: LeFlore County Youth Services, Inc.
Emergency Youth Shelter
Poteau, Oklahoma

Date of Visit: August 11, 2006

Oversight Reviewer: Sara Vincent-Spain, Oversight Specialist

Focus of Visit: Announced Visit

Date: January 24, 2007

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an announced visit on August 11, 2006, to the LeFlore County Youth Services' emergency children's shelter, located in Poteau, Oklahoma. The purpose of the oversight visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The shelter was licensed for eight children by the Division of Child Care of the Department of Human Services (DHS). On the day of the OJSO visit, no children were residing at the shelter. The shelter accepted both Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA)- and DHS-custody children.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the Executive Director
- One direct care staff member

Documents Reviewed

- Two personnel files
- Files on four former residents
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal inspection report, dated September 26, 2005
- DHS Division of Child Care inspection report, dated May 17, 2006
- Oklahoma State Department of Health inspection report, dated May 16, 2006

Areas Toured

- Resident rooms
- Kitchen area
- Common area
- Bathrooms

Overview

Interview

One direct care staff member was interviewed. No concerns were noted from the staff interview.

File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed the files on four former residents. No concerns were noted from the resident files reviewed. Two personnel files were reviewed. Documentation in one file did not indicate the employee had completed behavioral intervention training within thirty days of hire.

Exit Conference

The Executive Director provided the OJSO with a copy of the facility's corrective action plan that was developed in response to the DHS Division of Child Care's inspection report of May 17, 2006. The plan addressed behavioral intervention training for new employees within thirty days of hire. The Executive Director explained that the geographic location of LeFlore County made it difficult to hire a certified trainer to provide behavioral intervention training, and he stated that there had been discussions with a non-profit agency regarding the possibility of the non-profit agency providing the training at no charge.

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