

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

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**Name and Location of Facility:** Marie Detty Youth and Family Shelter  
Lawton, Oklahoma

**Date of Visit:** March 20, 2007

**Oversight Reviewer:** Dana S. Holden, Oversight Specialist

**Focus of Visit:** Announced Visit

**Date:** May 9, 2007

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**General Information**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an announced visit on March 20, 2007, to the Marie Detty Youth and Family Shelter, located in Lawton, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities. The facility was licensed for sixteen residents by the Division of Child Care of the Department of Human Services (DHS). On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was four.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the Youth Services Coordinator
- Three residents
- Two direct care staff members

Documents Reviewed

- Files on three residents
- Three staff files
- Most recent inspection reports by the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal, and the DHS Division of Child Care
- Staff roster
- List of residents

Areas Toured

- Entire facility

## **Overview**

### Interviews

The OJSO interviewed three residents; the fourth was in the process of discharging from the facility and was unavailable. All three 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.

Two direct care staff members were interviewed. Both interviewees:

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

No concerns were noted from the staff interviews.

### File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed the files on three residents. The OJSO noted that all three residents had been at the facility for one day. The staff was in the process of collecting the information required. There were no concerns noted during the resident file reviews.

Three personnel files were reviewed. The files were orderly and were complete for the items reviewed. No concerns were noted from the review of the personnel files.

### Observational Tour

The OJSO conducted an observational tour of the facility. The facility was well-maintained and was clean. No concerns were noted.

## **Summary**

On the day of the OJSO visit, the facility was meeting the needs of the residents. The residents and staff made positive comments regarding the facility.

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