

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

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

Date of Visit: June 27, 2006

Oversight Reviewer: Dana S. Holden, Oversight Specialist

Focus of Visit: Announced Visit

Date: September 18, 2006

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an announced visit on June 27, 2006, to the Marie Detty Youth and Family Shelter, located in Lawton, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. 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 three.

Persons Interviewed

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

Documents Reviewed

- Files on three residents
- Two 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 two residents; the third was on pass and was unavailable. Both 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:

- Medical and dental histories were not documented in one file.
- Participation of a resident in the development of the resident's service plan was not documented in one file.
- Participation of the custodian in the development of the service plan was not documented in two files.
- Documentation did not indicate the custodians of three residents were advised of the rights of residents, the facility rules, the grievance process, and the behavior management policy.
- Documentation did not indicate three residents had been advised of the facility's behavior management policy.

Two personnel files were reviewed. The files were orderly and 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 clean. No concerns were noted.

Summary

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

The OJSO reviewed the documentation concerns with the Youth Services Coordinator. The coordinator agreed to a plan of compliance. The OJSO will review the documentation for compliance on the next oversight visit.

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