

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

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**Name and Location of Facility:** Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch  
Perkins, Oklahoma

**Date of Visit:** August 11, 2009

**Oversight Persons:** Dana Holden, Oversight Specialist IV, and Janice Sharp, Administrative Programs Officer

**Subject:** Announced Visit, 2009

**Date:** August 25, 2009

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**General Information**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an announced visit on August 11, 2009, at the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch, located in Perkins, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The facility was licensed for sixteen juveniles by the division of Oklahoma Child Care Services (OCCS) of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS). The program only admitted male juveniles who are in OKDHS custody. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was twelve; however, one resident was away from the facility.

**Persons Interviewed**

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the executive director
- Four residents
- Two house parents

**Documents Reviewed**

- Six resident files
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal report dated August 7, 2009
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Food Inspection report dated July 7, 2009
- OKDHS OCCS Residential Child Care Facility inspection report dated July 9, 2009

**Areas Toured**

An observational tour was not conducted of the two cottages during this oversight visit.

## **Findings**

### Interviews

The OJSO interviewed four residents. All four residents interviewed described appropriate forms of discipline. Each resident interviewed was asked to name a person he would talk to about a problem. One resident named a house parent, two residents named other residents, and the other resident said he would not confide in anyone about a problem. No areas of concern were identified from the resident interviews.

Two house parents were interviewed. Both house parents stated that ensuring the safety and well-being of the residents in their care was the most important function of their role as house parents. The two house parents interviewed expressed appropriate knowledge regarding allowable forms of discipline. Both house parents reported having received the required training for their positions. No areas of concern were identified from the house parent interviews.

### File Review

The OJSO reviewed six resident files. The files were in good order, and the materials were easy to locate. No areas of concern were identified from the resident file review.

The OJSO did not review personnel files during this oversight.

The OJSO reviewed the most recent inspection reports by the OKDHS licensing unit, health department, and the fire marshal's office. Minor deficiencies were noted on the health department report; the facility had corrected the deficiencies prior to the oversight visit. No areas of concern were noted by the OJSO regarding the inspection reports.

## **Summary**

On the day of the OJSO visit, the facility appeared to be meeting the needs of the residents. A resident had voluntarily remained at the facility after reaching the age of eighteen to complete his high school education. The resident files reviewed were complete for the items checked. The staff members interviewed demonstrated a desire to provide quality care to the residents. The majority of residents interviewed believed that the staff members were fair when assigning chores and disciplining the residents.

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