

March 7, 2011

Larry Hawkins, Superintendent
Oklahoma School for the Deaf
1100 East Oklahoma Street
Sulphur, Oklahoma 73086

Re: Unannounced Visit, 2010

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on December 13, 2010, at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf (OSD), located in Sulphur, Oklahoma. During the oversight visit, the OJSO spoke with administrators, three staff members, and four residents. In addition, the OJSO reviewed documents pertaining to the operation of the facility, five resident files, and four personal files. The OSD, a special school for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, is operated by the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS). The OSD is accredited by the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD). The focus of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities. The OJSO contracted the services of a certified level five interpreter who accommodated staff's and student's language preferences and levels. At the time of the OJSO visit, the census was ninety residents and fifty-three day students.

During the exit conference, the OJSO informed the administration that there were no issues or concerns noted during the visit. The facility records were well-organized and the facility was well-maintained.

A response to this letter is not required. We will wait thirty days before publishing this correspondence on the web page; however, this correspondence has been sent to the appropriate state agency.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation during my visit. If you have any questions or comments concerning this correspondence, please call me at 405-606-4900.

Sincerely,

Harold Jergenson
Oversight Specialist

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c: Michael O'Brien