

March 9, 2010

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

Re: Second Biannual Visit, 2009

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on December 9, 2009, at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf (OSD), located in Sulphur. During the oversight visit, the OJSO spoke with the administrators, and five residents; and reviewed documents, five resident files, and five 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 student's language preferences and levels. At the time of the OJSO visit, the census was eighty residents and forty-eight day students.

During the exit conference, the OJSO informed the administration 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 in this matter. 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

