

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

REVISED

Name and Location of Facility: Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Date of Visit: September 25, 2007

Oversight Reviewer: Tina Pendergraft, Oversight Specialist

Focus of Visit: Second Visit for 2007

Date: December 13, 2007

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced, routine visit to the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, located in Oklahoma City. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities. The facility has capacity for 144 students. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was 130 residents.

Interviews Conducted

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the Dean of Students
- One staff member
- Thirteen residents

Documents Reviewed

- Three staff files
- Files on six residents
- Oklahoma State Department of Health inspection report for January 16, 2007
- Fire and security inspection report of August 3, 2007

Areas Toured

- Three dormitory rooms and three bathrooms for female students
- Three dormitory rooms and three bathrooms for male students
- Kitchen and dining area
- Recreation area

Findings

Interviews

The OJSO interviewed thirteen residents. Suggestions made by residents to improve residential life at the school were:

- more time off-campus
- later bedtimes
- additional activities on weekends
- permission to wear sandals to dinner
- more mandatory study time
- additional extracurricular activities
- more freedom for residents

One staff member was interviewed. No issues of concern were noted from the staff interview.

Files Reviewed

The OJSO reviewed the files on six residents. No issues of concern were noted from the resident files reviewed.

Three personnel files were reviewed. Documentation indicated the performance management plans (PMP) for two employees were past due. None of the three files reviewed contained documentation of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification and first aid training.

Observational Tour

The OJSO conducted a tour of six dormitory rooms and six bathrooms, three for female residents and three for male residents; the recreation room; and the kitchen and dining area. The OJSO noted:

- A shower in one of the bathrooms for male residents was missing the lever to turn the water on and off.
- A vaccination log was unavailable for the three canine pets that reside on campus.
- The trash cans in the kitchen and dining hall did not have lids.

The deficiencies were noted on the OJSO Facility Inspection Form. The instrument was left with the Dean of Students for corrections to be made within thirty days. (Instrument attached.)

Summary

On the day of the OJSO visit, the facility was clean and well-maintained, with the two exceptions noted. The Dean of Students advised the OJSO that the water lever in the shower would be repaired immediately, and that the Consumer Protection Division (food service inspections) of the Oklahoma State Department of Health did not require the facility to have covered trash cans in the kitchen and dining area. The Dean of Students also advised that the school was not required to maintain record of CPR certification and first aid training for staff members. The OJSO suggested that the facility retain copies of CPR certification and first aid training in the staff files.

The residents and staff interviewed made positive statements regarding the school. Comments were made that the three dogs that reside on the campus were a joyful addition to residential life at the school.

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