

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

Name and Location of Facility: Osage County Juvenile Detention Center
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Dates of Visit: April 5 and 19, 2007

Oversight Reviewer: Dana S. Holden, Oversight Specialist III

Subject: Oversight Visit, 2007

Date: May 17, 2007

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) initiated a routine, unannounced visit on April 5, 2007, to the Osage County Juvenile Detention Center, located in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. The OJSO returned on April 19, 2007, to complete the oversight. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities. The facility was certified by the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) for eight juveniles. The census on the day of the visit was six.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the Detention Supervisor
- Six juveniles

Documents Reviewed

- Files on six residents
- Two personnel files
- Serious incident/restraint log
- OJA Office of Public Integrity annual assessment report, dated April 20, 2006
- Oklahoma State Department of Health Jail Inspection report, dated September 14, 2006
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal inspection report, dated February 2, 2007

Areas Toured

- Osage County Juvenile Detention Center co-located in the Osage County Jail

Findings

Interviews

The OJSO interviewed five residents; the other resident declined an interview. The interview questions pertained to the residents' perception of safety, detention program services, the rights of residents, discipline practices, and other detention care issues. No issues of concern were noted from the resident interviews.

The OJSO interviewed two direct care staff members. Both demonstrated familiarity with policies and procedures and reported receiving appropriate training for their positions. No concerns were identified from the staff interviews.

File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed the files on six residents. The files were well-organized, and the materials reviewed were easy to locate. There were no concerns noted from the resident file reviews.

The OJSO reviewed the personnel files of two direct care staff members. The file on one staff member documented fifteen of the twenty-four required hours of annual training. No other concerns were noted from the staff file reviews.

Observational Tour

The OJSO conducted a tour of the juvenile detention center. On the day of the visit, the facility was essentially clean and well-maintained. The OJSO noted that there appeared to be mold in the shower located on the bottom floor, and the shower on the top floor was stained and the caulking was peeling. The supervisor advised the OJSO on April 20, 2007, that a contractor had been contacted to effect repairs to the showers. No other concerns were noted.

The inspection reports by the Jail Inspection division of the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the OJA Office of Public Integrity were addressed in the OJSO's past report. The OJSO reviewed the latest inspection report by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, dated February 2, 2007. No concerns were noted in the Fire Marshal's report.

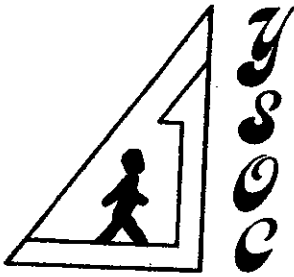
Summary

On the day of the OJSO visit, the documentation was in good order and the files were complete, with the exceptions noted. The interactions observed between staff and the residents were appropriate. The residents made positive comments regarding the staff and the program.

Violations

1. The file of one staff member documented fifteen of the twenty-four required hours of annual training. OJA policy OAC 377:3-13-43, Staff requirements, (a), General provisions, (8), Staff training, (G), in part, states, "Full-time direct-care staff and administrators shall obtain at least 24 clock hours of training per employment year."
2. There appeared to be mold located in the shower on the bottom floor and the shower on the top floor was stained and the caulking was peeling. OJA policy OAC 377:3-13-46, Physical plant or facility, (c), Bathrooms, (4), states, "All fixtures must be maintained in good working condition."

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RE: OJSO visit 04-05-07 and 04-19-07

Dear Sir:

The following corrective actions are submitted per your request.

1. Training is to be scheduled when made available to ensure that all full-time staff obtains 24 hours of training per year.
2. Both showers were renovated-painted and caulked on 05-23-07.

If further information is requested, please advise.

Sincerely,

Harold H. Huffman

Harold Huffman, Executive Director Osage County Juvenile Detention Center