

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

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

**Date of Visit:** November 15, 2006

**Oversight Reviewer:** Cliff A. Aldridge, Oversight Specialist

**Focus of Visit:** Unannounced Visit

**Date:** February 15, 2007

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**General Information**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted a routine, unannounced visit on November 15, 2006, of the Osage County Detention Center (OCDC), located in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. The detention center was certified for eight juveniles by the Office of Public Integrity of the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA). The detention certificate was current and was valid until February 2008. The OJA contracted with the Osage County Board of Commissioners for six of the juvenile detention beds. The Youth Services of Osage County, Inc. (YSOC) contracted for the operation of the facility with the Osage County Board of Commissioners. The detention center was collocated within the Osage County jail. On the day of the OJSO visit, the detention center census was seven.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview with a detention supervisor
- Subsequent interview with the detention director and the executive director of YSOC
- Three residents
- Two detention officers
- Exit conference with the YSOC executive director and the detention director

Documentation Reviewed

- Case records of three residents
- Personnel files of two detention officers
- Facility room confinement log for August, September, and October 2006
- Facility critical incident log for August, September, and October 2006
- A sample of two incident reports from August, September, and October 2006
- Facility activity schedule

- Facility resident daily log
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal inspection report of January 23, 2006
- Oklahoma State Department of Health, Jail Inspection Division, report dated September 14, 2006

### Areas Toured

- Dayroom
- Sleeping rooms
- Outside secure recreational area

### **Overview**

#### Interviews

The OJSO interviewed three residents. The interview questions pertained to the residents' perceptions of safety, detention program services, the rights of residents, discipline practices, and other residential issues. The responses were favorable regarding the staff, the program, and the care received. No concerns were noted from the resident interviews.

Two direct care staff members were interviewed regarding the staff members' perceptions of detention program services, the rights of residents, discipline policies, and other residential issues. The interviewees indicated familiarity with facility practices and reported receiving appropriate training. No issues of concern were identified from the staff interviews.

#### Documentation Reviews

The files on three residents and two personnel files were reviewed for compliance with the OJA detention certification standards. All five files were complete for the items reviewed on the day of the visit.

The documentation logs for room restriction, room confinement, use-of-force, and critical incidents for August, September, and October 2006 were reviewed. There were no instances of room restriction or physical restraint during the period reviewed.

There were two instances of the use of room confinement. In both cases, the criteria for the use of room confinement were met and the documentation was in compliance with the detention certification standards. There were no critical incidents.

#### Observational Tour

On the day of the OJSO visit, the facility was clean and was well-maintained. Materials required to be posted were posted. Emergency procedures and equipment were in place.

The medication records were current, and medications were double-locked. Several of the resident rooms had been freshly painted, and the rest of the rooms were scheduled to be repainted. No issues of concern were identified from the tour of the facility.

### **Summary**

On the day of the OJSO visit, the facility was in compliance with established responsibilities. The staff members demonstrated a desire and willingness to provide appropriate care to the residents, and the residents made positive comments about the program.

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