

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Anna Looper, Supervisor  
Pauline Mayer Group Home

**From:** Patricia Lumley, Oversight Specialist  
Office of Juvenile System Oversight

**Reviewer:** Patricia Lumley

**Subject:** First Unannounced Visit of 2005  
May 5 and May 9, 2005

**Date:** June 29, 2005

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### General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted a routine, unannounced visit to the Pauline Mayer Group Home on May 5, 2005, to assess compliance with established responsibilities. Only one resident was available to be interviewed, therefore, the OJSO returned on May 9 to complete the interviews. The group home is operated by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and has capacity for ten residents. At the time of the OJSO visit, there were four adolescent mothers and their five children in residence.

### Interviews Conducted

- An entry interview and an exit conference with the Assistant Supervisor
- Two adolescent residents

### Documentation Reviewed

- Files on two residents
- Current licensing status
- Most recent inspection reports by the DHS Division of Child Care, Office of the State Fire Marshal, and Oklahoma State Department of Health

## Areas Toured

- Kitchen
- Laundry room
- Resident rooms
- Bathrooms
- Storage/pantry areas
- Staff offices

## **Overview**

The purposes of the OJSO's visit were to conduct a tour of the facility, interview a sampling of residents, and review the files on residents. The group home's Supervisor was on medical leave at the time of the visit.

## Interviews

The Assistant Supervisor did not report any problems concerning the facility or residents at the time of the visit. She did state that it would be helpful to have a concrete surface in the play area for the children to ride their tricycles. For now, the children attempt to ride in the grassy area of the fenced play yard.

The two residents interviewed had lived at the group home for a year or more. Both were highly complimentary of the group home program and staff. The two residents described the training they were receiving in independent living skills and parenting. They were complimentary of the high school they attend. The staff was described as nurturing, caring, fair, and educative. The residents stated they received warnings and re-direction if they misbehaved at the group home, and added that staff could place them on restriction. The residents' children were not interviewed due to their young ages.

## File Reviews

The OJSO did not note any concerns regarding the files reviewed.

## Facility Inspection

The OJSO did not note any concerns within the facility or the outside play areas. The swing set in the play yard was worn and somewhat lightweight. A larger and sturdier swing set would provide safer and more expansive play for the children. All areas of the group home appeared clean and nicely organized.

## **Summary**

On the day of the OJSO visit, the group home appeared to be in compliance with DHS licensing standards.

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