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Cliff A. Aldridge, Oversight Specialist
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Re: Corrective Action Plan

Dear Mr. Aldridge:

Attached is a Corrective Plan of Action for the Pittsburg County Regional Juvenile Detention Center, in response to the findings of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth; during an unannounced visit on October 30, 2008.

If you have any question, or need any other information please feel free to call my office at (918) 426-1585.

Sincerely,

Ada Fox
Superintendent

The following concerns were noted during the October 30, 2008 visit.

Concern 1: Separation on a wing or room confinement was used often by staff.

Corrective Action 1: De-escalation techniques are utilized routinely and wing/room confinement is NOT a first approach as an intervention. It is only when the behavior escalates in spite of this that wing/room restriction is implemented. Training in de-escalation shall continue with all staff on a regular basis. Also, proper documentation of situations that lead to wing/room confinement will also be included in training and shall be improved.

Concern 2: The facility used “attitude” as the criterion for continuation of or release from separation on a wing or room confinement.

Corrective Action 2: Staff will use behavior descriptors to document justification for the continuation of or release from separation or room confinement.

Concern 3: The facility documented participation in large muscle activity for each resident, when applicable. The OJSO recommended that the duration of a minimum of sixty minutes also be documented. Additionally the reason for non participation in daily exercise should be documented.

Corrective Action 3: Documentation of the length of time a resident participates in large muscle activity, and the reason for non participation in daily exercise will be documented in each resident’s daily notes.