

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

Name and Location of Facility: Southern Oklahoma Resource Center
Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

Date of Visit: May 30, 2007

Oversight Reviewer: Tina Pendergraft, Oversight Specialist

Focus of Visit: First Unannounced Visit for 2007

Date: June 28, 2007

Introduction

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on May 30, 2007, to the Southern Oklahoma Resource Center, located in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. The purpose of the OJSO visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities. The facility was licensed by the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) for 225 residents. On the day of the OJSO visit, the facility had 165 residents; one of the residents was under the age of eighteen. The minor resident was moved recently to a different cottage, where there was no paneling on the walls, due to changes in OSDH regulations.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the Assistant Director for Residential Services
- Two staff members
- Resident under the age of eighteen

Documents Reviewed

- File on the minor resident
- Three staff files
- Monthly incident referral report by the Office of Client Advocacy of the Department of Human Services
- Most recent inspection report by the Department of Health and Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services including the Life Safety Code Fire report, dated July 27, 2006
- OSDH license, dated July 28, 2006

Areas Toured

- Deacon House II (minor resident's cottage)

Findings

Interviews

The OJSO spoke with the minor resident. The OJSO noted that the resident appeared content and interacted well with staff. No concerns were noted.

Two staff members were interviewed. The staff members commented that they would like to be more involved in the team meetings process. Efforts continue by the facility to find the minor resident a placement that has minor residents.

File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed the file on the minor resident. No concerns were identified from the file review.

Three staff files were reviewed. Two of the three files did not contain current job performance evaluations for the staff members. Two files reviewed did not document the staff members had completed required annual training. The documentation indicated one staff member had not completed resident adjustment training and the other staff member was not certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and had not completed training on resident adjustment, client rights, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), abuse and neglect, and first aid. The OJSO reviewed the criminal record background histories for the three staff members whose files were reviewed. The background history on one staff member documented a felony charge for concealing stolen property. Documentation indicated the facility had checked and was advised the county of jurisdiction had no record of the charge. The background history for the third staff member documented a misdemeanor charge of Driving While Intoxicated.

Observational Tour

The OJSO conducted an observational tour of the residential cottage where the minor resides. No concerns were identified from the observational tour.

Area of Concern

The OJSO recommended that the facility submit another request for a criminal record check and disposition of charges on the staff member whose previous background history had indicated a felony charge to ensure policies and procedures are followed regarding the employment of this staff member.

Violation

1. Two of the three staff files reviewed did not document the staff members had completed required annual training. Oklahoma State Department of Health policy OAC 310:675, Nursing and Specialized Facilities, 13, Staff requirements, 5, Nursing service, (i), Inservice, (2), states, "The facility shall provide all direct care staff with two hours of inservice training specific to their job assignment per month."

