

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

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

**Oversight Reviewer:** Tina Pendergraft, Oversight Specialist

**Focus of Visit:** Second Unannounced Visit for 2008

**Date:** October 10, 2008

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### **Introduction**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on October 2, 2008, at the Southern Oklahoma Resource Center (SORC) in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities, specifically regarding Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace training for staff and the future plans for the resident under 18 years of age. The juvenile resident will be 18 years of age in spring 2009. The facility was licensed for 225 residents by the Oklahoma State Department of Health. On the day of the OJSO visit, all residents were adults, except for one juvenile resident.

### **Interviews Conducted**

- Entry interview with the Administrator
- Two staff members
- One direct care supervisor
- One case manager
- One resident
- Exit conference with the Administrator, Assistant Administrator, and the Case Management Supervisor

### **Documents Reviewed**

- Training records for seven staff members

## **Findings**

### Interviews

The OJSO interviewed the juvenile resident. He appeared happy and content with the staff and his living quarters. The interactions observed between the juvenile resident and the staff members were appropriate. The resident worked at the facility shredding paper; he expressed enjoyment with his job.

The OJSO interviewed two direct care staff members, one direct care supervisor, and one case manager. Both direct care staff members stated they believed they were providing the juvenile resident with a safe environment, where the resident was learning new skills that would help him to obtain some independence. Both also believed that the services provided were adequate to meet the juvenile resident's needs. The supervisor stated he believed that the juvenile resident had caring staff who provided the best care the resident had received since living at SORC.

The OJSO spoke with the facility administrator and the case manager about future plans for the juvenile resident after he turned 18 years of age. Both reported that the resident's mother had mentioned moving him back to the community where she lives; however, the facility administrator and the case manager both stated that the resident's mother had been happy with all of the services in place for her son at the facility and believed that maybe she would decide not to move him from the facility.

### Files Review

The OJSO reviewed seven staff files and focused on Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace training. The OJSO noted that one file did not document completion of Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace training. The direct care supervisor stated that the employee had transferred to the unit after training had already been provided to the staff members on the unit. The supervisor advised that the employee would be enrolled in the next available training session.

## **Summary**

The facility has future plans for the juvenile resident when he becomes 18 years of age. The staff members appear to have the resident's best interests in mind. The facility administrator and the case manager both reported they had scheduled an assessment for the resident this month to evaluate his needs for living in the community as an effort to help his mother to come to a decision regarding where the resident will live.

The immediate plan is for resident to remain living in the stand-free home on the SORC campus. Two male, nineteen-year-old residents live in the home with the juvenile resident. One roommate was previously placed with the juvenile resident prior as a child. They seem to enjoy living together.

The teacher at the school where the juvenile resident currently attends is working to provide the best available care for the resident's needs. Should the resident remain at SORC after turning 18 years of age, the resident would be able to continue school until graduation at age 21 or 22. If the resident decides not to continue with school, the opportunity still remains to continue working at the facility in his current job.

The facility plans to keep the juvenile resident active with off-campus recreational activities. In the past, the resident has attended rodeos, football games, and fairs. The facility plans is to maintain these activities.

### **Area of Concern**

1. One of the seven training files reviewed did not document that the staff member had completed Oklahoma Department of Human Services Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace training.

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