

May 18, 2010

Glen Koch, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Koch:

I would like to thank you, the Level E program director, the therapist, the school instructor, and the Speck Homes Level E staff for accommodating the Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) on April 26, 2010, during a visit regarding a review of the transitional living programs at the Speck Homes Level E home. The information shared with the OJSO in regard to transition services currently provided by the group home was appreciated. In addition, during the entry conference, you and other administrators indicated that the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs had begun to provide the facility with information concerning transitional services, particularly in coordination with the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitative Services.

Your facility was licensed by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Office of Oklahoma Child Care Services (OCCS) for thirty-six residents, and the census in the Level E home was twelve on the day that the OJSO visited. I spoke with ten of the twelve residents, the school instructor, the therapist, the Level E Program Director, and yourself during the visit. During the focus group interview with the residents, I spoke with the school instructor regarding areas Speck Homes might consider adding to its transitional living curriculum. During the exit conference, I spoke with the Level E program director regarding the areas noted with the school instructor:

- resources and procedures for obtaining and paying for medical, dental, and behavioral health services in communities;
- resources available and procedures for obtaining personal financial assistance from governmental agencies;
- resources available and procedures when looking for housing, apartments, or other living arrangements in communities; and
- resources and services available regarding financial aid for education after high school.

I indicated to the Level E program director that the OJSO would send to Speck Homes a resource pamphlet that listed federal and state programs available to transition age youth. We will send this to you in the near future. We look forward to future professional contact with your program as the OJSO works to assist Oklahoma residential juvenile facilities in the delivery of transitional and independent living services.

Sincerely,

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Programs Manager

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c: Anthony Kibble