

March 23, 2009

Ms. Cherie Stierwalt
Director, Bravo Company
Thunderbird Youth Academy
824 Park Street, Building 312
Pryor, Oklahoma 74361-5610

RE: Second Biannual Visit, 2008

Dear Ms. Stierwalt:

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit on October 9, 2008, at the Bravo Company of the Thunderbird Youth Academy (TYA). During the visit, the OJSO spoke with administrators, staff, and residents and reviewed documents and files.

No violations were identified during the visit. The records reviewed were in order. The residents' responses to the interview questions were generally favorable. The staff members interviewed demonstrated familiarity with facility policies and the practices they reported using were acceptable.

No written response to this letter is required. This letter has been sent to the individuals copied below and will be published on the OCCY web page at www.okkids.org. The OJSO appreciated the helpfulness of the facility's administration and staff in arranging the interviews, hosting the observational tour, and providing the necessary materials for review. If you have any questions or comments concerning this correspondence, please call me at (405) 606-4900. We apologize for the delay of this letter.

Sincerely,

Cliff A. Aldridge
Oversight Specialist IV

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