

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Plumfield Farm
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Date of Inspection	May 8, 2018
Date of Last Inspection	May 24, 2017
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Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	March, 2018

**O = Outstanding *S= Satisfactory or exceeds *N.I. = Needs Improvement/corrective*

Action

INSPECTION	O	S	N.I.	Comments (required if "N.I." is checked)
Grounds	x			Grounds are well maintained. Attractive landscaping in front. Large backyard with lots of open space surrounding the home.
Building Exterior	x			Well-maintained. Recent paint job.
Living Room	x			A warm, cozy environment with comfortable leather couches, large flat-screen TV, lots of age-appropriate books and videos on the shelves. Plenty of natural light.
Kitchen	x			Clean, neat, organized. Fun photos of the resident boys on the fridge. All sharps and toxics locked up. Fresh fruit available for snacks. Fridge and cabinets fully stocked with healthy food. Full compliment of cooking utensils, pots, pans, herbs and spices shows that a high level of meal prep is happening in this home.
Bedrooms	x			Comfortable rooms with attractive posters on the wall. Each boy has his own bed, desk, desk lamp. Ample closet and drawer space for clothing and other possessions. Colorful bedspreads on beds.
Bathrooms	x			Very clean.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers	x			Up to date.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms	x			In working order.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan	x			An emergency evacuation plan is posted in the laundry area and in each of the bedrooms.
Food	x			Lots of healthy food, including yogurt, milk, fresh vegetables, and fresh strawberries in fridge. No expired dates on labels. Plenty of canned goods and other staples in cabinets. Weekly menu shows a plan of healthy meals.

Emergency Supplies	x			Large containers with emergency water in game room. Freezer full with frozen vegetables, meat, juice. Extra blankets and first aid kit on premises.
Health Services	x			Each boy has a physical exam once a year. Dental exams are twice annually. Plumfield's own therapist (licensed MFT) provides individual and family counseling. Individual counseling is once a week. Family counseling can be once a week if needed.
Medications	x			Medications prescribed by a psychiatrist and administered by staff. All medications are locked up in a cabinet. Medication binder is easy to read and up to date.
Recreation (on site)	x			Game room with foosball and musical instruments. Cabinet with lots of games. Outside is a basketball court and lots of open space for games and sports.
Outings (off site)	x			The boys go to movies, the beach, on walks and hikes, and special events around the area. Recent outings include: California Carnivores Nursery, Rebounderz, Florence Street Art Tour, Ragle Ranch Hiking, Flying Kites and Frisbee.
Education & Classrooms	x			All three boys who are currently at the Farm attend Plumfield Academy.
Mail/Phone	x			As appropriate for each individual child.
Discipline	x			All staff are well trained in the discipline procedure at Plumfield. It starts with a verbal prompt for inappropriate behaviors, then moves to 5-10 minute time outs. The next level of discipline is structured room time, which is 45-90 minutes in the child's room. Next level is OOPS which is house restriction where the child is restricted from public outings, electronic games, and TV for 1-3 days.
Library	x			An excellent library has lots of age-appropriate books.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

There are currently three boys living at Plumfield Farm. Each boy has his own room. When we arrived, one boy was reading quietly in his room. The oldest boy was playing with his remote controlled toy car in the backyard. He and a staff member were engaged in drawing a series of streets and bridges for the car to drive on.

The general atmosphere of the house is welcoming, warm, neat and clean. The pleasant atmosphere is enhanced by lots of natural light and great views of the surrounding countryside.

YOUTH INTERVIEWS

TOPICS				
Evaluation of Program				*see below
Program Understood				
Levels (Privileges)				
Grievances				
Discipline				
Staff Evaluation				
Health Services				

Counseling/Therapy				
Chores & Allowance				
Laundry				
Clothes				
Food				
Snacks				
School				
Library				
Activities & Entertainment				
Money				

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: ___2___

*Rather than ask the boys about the specific areas listed above, we talked with them more informally.

One inspector spent time talking with one boy. He is a very engaging child who took great pleasure in playing checkers with the Commissioner and teaching him his own special set of rules. This boy has been at Plumfield for about a month and seems quite comfortable there. He told the inspector that there was considerable abuse in his home — particularly aimed at his mom. He said he wants to be with his mom when she is able to have him there.

Another inspector spoke with another boy. This boy was eager to show the inspector his skills with his remote controlled toy car. The House Manager told us that this boy had recently become the oldest child in the house and seemed pleased to be taking on new responsibilities, as well as the role of “older brother.”

Inspection Summary

It is the inspectors’ opinion that Plumfield Farm is a well-run group home. The boys all seemed to be comfortable, safe, and secure in this setting. They seemed to understand the rules, and were observed dealing with each other and with staff in an appropriate manner. The staff seem to really care about the kids, and treat them with respect, warmth, and genuine interest.

Next Inspection Recommended: _____ or ___x___ Annual

Eve Goldberg, Inspection Commissioner

Michael Fried, Inspection Commissioner

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