

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Greenacre Homes Inc. – Eddie Lane
Address:	On File
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Contact Person	Timothy Dimick

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Cathy Brooks, Richard Miller
Date of Inspection	December 1, 2017
Date of Last Inspection	November 10, 2016
C.C.L. Contact	Megan Mullen
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	November 7, 2017

**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		The grounds are well maintained.
Building Exterior		X		The building is well maintained. The main focus is at the front of the building, and is very clean and bright.
Living Room		X		The living room is the central meeting place for the children. The furniture is in good repair. Most of the children choose to do their homework here. There is a staff office with a window looking into the living room.
Kitchen	X			Food for all the Greenacre Homes is distributed from the Eddie Lane home at least twice each week. The kitchen was neat and very clean. Knives and vanilla were kept locked up.
Bedrooms		X		Each boy has his own room. Currently there are 6 boys living in the home. Each bedroom has a dresser or armoire for clothing storage, and a desk. The boys can personalize their rooms with posters, etc.
Bathrooms		X		The bathrooms were clean and in good repair.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		X		All fire extinguishers were up to date and located in strategic locations. There is hardwired emergency lighting.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		X		Each room has a smoke alarm, CO2 alarm and fire alarm.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		X		Plans are posted. The staff hold evacuation/fire drills monthly.
Food		X		The menu is posted weekly. The children could access fruit from the counter. There was plenty of food, none of it outdated.
Emergency Supplies		X		There is an emergency supply of food locked in a labeled cabinet. In addition, Eddie Lane House has additional supplies that can be distributed

			to the other homes as needed.
Health Services		X	The children see a doctor annually, plus as needed. Dental visits are twice each year.
Medications		X	All medications were locked. Records were up to date.
Recreation (on site)		X	The house has a large yard for outside recreation. The boys are expected to exercise outside for at least 30 minutes five times each week. There are bikes and balls.
Outings (off site)		X	Outings have included trips to the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, and Armstrong Woods. The boys went on a snow trip last winter, and a whitewater rafting/camping trip on the American River this past summer. They also go fishing at Spring Lake and hiking.
Education & Classrooms		X	Three of the six current residents attend Greenacre Academy. Two attend Journey High School, and one goes to Analy High School.
Mail/Phone		X	Most of the boys have cell phones. Some turn them in to the staff at night.
Discipline		X	Greenacre uses a system of four levels. As the boys exhibit more self-control and initiative, they earn more independence.
Library		X	There is a supply of books in the living room, easily accessible to all.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Two of the boys held paying jobs this year. Three others do volunteer work in Ceres Garden and at the Humane Society. Four are currently looking for paid work.

YOUTH INTERVIEWS

TOPICS			
Evaluation of Program	X		The boys felt comfortable at Greenacre.
Program Understood	X		They understood the program.
Levels (Privileges)		X	They understand how to advance to the higher levels.
Grievances		X	None mentioned.
Discipline		X	They felt the program was fair.
Staff Evaluation		X	They like the staff.
Health Services		X	They see a doctor as needed.
Counseling/Therapy		X	They have regular counseling/therapy.
Chores & Allowance		X	They can earn up to \$15/week, depending on their level and whether they completed their chores. Most earn about \$8.
Laundry		X	There is a new washing machine. The boys do their own laundry.
Clothes		X	They have plenty of clothes.
Food		X	They appreciate that the food is nutritious.
Snacks		X	There was fruit and other good food available for snacks.
School		X	See above

Library		X		See above
Activities & Entertainment		X		See above
Money		X		The boys are free to spend their allowances.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: 2

One boy said he sometimes wishes he could have white bread instead of whole wheat, but realized that whole wheat was a better choice.

Inspection Summary

Greenacre Homes has an impressive staff, many of whom have been with the homes for fifteen years or longer. This translates to great stability for the boys, and a strong sense of program continuity. The boys appreciate their home and the staff.

Eddie Lane serves as the main office/campus, in addition to being home to six boys. The homes are clean and organized. The boys are treated as individuals, and are encouraged to become independent as they are able.

Next Inspection Recommended: _____ or X Annual Inspection

Cathy Brooks, Inspection Commissioner

Richard Miller, Inspection Commissioner

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