

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Seneca Family of Agencies – Sonoma Compass, Petaluma
Address:	On File
Phone	On File
Contact Person	Danielle Armor, Director

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Mike Charpiot and Michael Fried
Date of Inspection	September 27, 2017
Date of Last Inspection	N/A New Facility
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	N/A New facility

***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 facility is in a rural setting with well-groomed grounds and exceptional views. There is a garden as well as an old silo in keeping with the rural setting.
Building Exterior		x		Building exteriors are well maintained.
Living Room		x		The living room has clean comfortable furniture. There is a large TV as well.
Kitchen		x		Kitchen is open and well lit. It is clean. Knives are locked up.
Bedrooms		x		Bedrooms are comfortable if somewhat spartan. The room observed did not currently have a resident. There were no personal touches.
Bathrooms		x		Clean, functional, and relatively up to date.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		x		One fire extinguisher was observed with a 2016 tag on it. It was unclear if this extinguisher was moved into the area as a part of construction for a facility upgrade or a part of the regular safety program. All other extinguishers were current.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		x		Battery operated smoke alarms were located in all rooms.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x		Evacuation plans were posted. A suggestion would be to add a few more.
Food		x		Fruit was available to the residents. A meal guide was posted. If a resident is able then joint meal prep and eating are encouraged.
Emergency Supplies		x		Backpacks with emergency supplies are located in all buildings at the site.
Health Services		x		Services are tailored to the needs of each individual resident.

Medications		x		Medications are triple locked and administered on site when appropriate.
Recreation (on site)		x		There is a picnic area and garden. There are places to play soccer and basketball. TV and movies. There is ample room on the property to walk and other outdoor activities.
Outings (off site)		x		Movies, beach trips, home visits, Scandia, shopping, and trips to the library are among the off site outings.
Education & Classrooms		x		Education needs are tailored to each individual resident.
Mail/Phone		x		There is a landline in the facility.
Discipline		x		Discipline is tailored to each individual resident. Rewards are a part of the discipline program.
Library		x		There are books available.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Seneca is a new program that has an interesting care model. The facility is currently licensed for two highly acute residents. It is currently attempting to increase this number to three. There is a tremendous staffing ratio to handle these very acute cases. It will be interesting to see how this facility grows and develops in the future.

YOUTH INTERVIEWS

TOPICS				
Evaluation of Program				Not observed
Program Understood				Not observed
Levels (Privileges)				Not observed
Grievances				Not observed
Discipline				Not observed
Staff Evaluation	x			There is a staffing ratio that is between 1 to 1 and 2 to 1.
Health Services				Not observed
Counseling/Therapy				There is abundant counseling and therapeutic support.
Chores & Allowance				Not observed
Laundry				The residents do their own laundry.
Clothes				Not observed
Food				See above
Snacks				See above
School				See above

Library				See above
Activities & Entertainment				See above
Money				Not observed

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: _____

The youth that was at the facility was unavailable for interview at the time of the inspection.

Inspection Summary

Seneca aim is to provide intensive services for their clients. It is a program that is seeking to expand.

Michael Charpiot, Inspection Commissioner

Next Inspection Recommended: _____ or x Annual Inspection

Michael Fried, Inspection Commissioner

Mary Cone, Chair/Report Review

cc: Honorable Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court
Commissioner of the Juvenile Court
Probation Department, Chief of Probation
Sonoma County Family Youth & Children's Services
State of California, Community Care Licensing
Facility Inspected