

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Victor Treatment Center- Wright House
Address:	On File
Phone	On File
Contact Person	Kristine Apuhugh

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Gayle Ballinger
Date of Inspection	12/18/2017
Date of Last Inspection	11/14/16
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	July 2016

**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 sparse. Because it is adjacent to the VTC offices the front yard is mainly a parking lot with access to basketball, riding bikes, hanging out. When I arrived several boys were playing basketball.
Building Exterior		x		The exterior is well kept up. All screens were in place
Living Room		x		The house was decorated for Christmas. The living room was clean and homey. The Christmas tree was decorated in Star Wars theme.
Kitchen		x		Kitchen was clean and well organized. Refrigerator and freezer were well stocked. Ed was making a grocery list and was leaving for a Costco trip. Chicken and Caesar salad were on the dinner menu.
Bedrooms		x		All bedrooms were clean and organized. There are four youth in this house. Each has his own room.
Bathrooms		x		Bathrooms are clean.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		x		Fire department inspected May 2017
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		x		Smoke detectors in every room. Carbon Monoxide detectors in order.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x		Plan is posted.
Food		x		Well stocked. Special cabinet for after school snacks. Fruit available on counter.
Emergency Supplies		x		Located in the garage in a locked "cage". Bins are now easily available in case of emergency.
Health Services		x		Medical and dental visits are arranged, transportation arranged and paperwork filed in youth's file.

Medications		x		Medication is locked and logged.
Recreation (on site)		x		30 minutes of exercise scheduled per day. They had just finished when I arrived.
Outings (off site)		x		Many opportunities for outings, camping, field trips.
Education & Classrooms		x		All youth attend North Valley.
Mail/Phone		X		Youth receive mail and phone calls from approved people.
Discipline		x		The focus is on positive reinforcement, discussion, and natural consequences.
Library		x		At the school.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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YOUTH INTERVIEWS

TOPICS				
Evaluation of Program		x		The young man I spoke with said it met his needs.
Program Understood		x		He said he understood what his program was.
Levels (Privileges)		x		He said the better decisions he makes the more privileges he receives.
Grievances		x		He said he feels comfortable talking to the staff. He has had no reason to go beyond that. He felt the staff is fair and honest. He has been in other group homes and VTC is the best one he has been in.
Discipline		x		He understands the expectations.
Staff Evaluation		x		He thinks highly of the staff. They seem experienced and well trained. Previous group homes did not have these skills.
Health Services		x		He is up to date.
Counseling/Therapy		x		Weekly.
Chores & Allowance		x		He receives weekly allowance. He was planning on going shopping with Ed when I left. He wanted to buy a Visa card.
Laundry		x		Each is assigned a day to do their laundry.
Clothes		x		Yes, he has enough.
Food		x		The food is good. They all get to cook.

Snacks		x		There are healthy snacks. Sometimes for nighttime snack they all drive for Fro-Yo.
School		x		He is caught up.
Library		x		At school.
Activities & Entertainment		x		There are activities provided.
Money		x		He has plenty.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: 1

The youth was willing to speak with me. He was very open about his past behavior. He spoke about what he has learned at VTC that he did not learn from previous group home placements. He felt the staff really cared about each of them. He said all of the boys get along. There had been one boy that he did not get along with. He spoke with the staff and told them of his discomfort. The other boy was moved to a different house. There are no more problems at Wright House. Everyone gets along.

Inspection Summary

This house is very organized. The boys were all interacting by playing basketball when I arrived and later moved inside and gathered around the computer with other staff. The staff had good rapport with the boys. The atmosphere in the house was congenial, serene and playful.

During the wildfires, all of the residents went either to their own homes or to one of 4 vacation homes in Guerneville for four days. The school was closed for 3 weeks.

Gayle Ballinger, Inspection Commissioner

Next Inspection Recommended: _____ or X **Annual Inspection**

Mary Cone, Chair/Report Review

cc: Honorable Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court
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