

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Greenacre Homes Green Meadow
Address:	On File
Phone	On File
Contact Person	Timothy Dimick

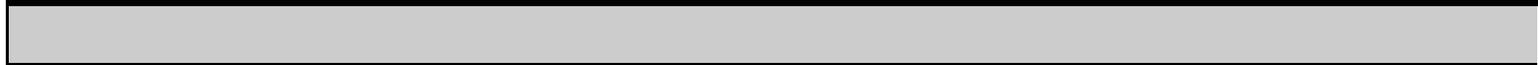
J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Cathy Brooks. Jody Edwards, Eve Goldberg
Date of Inspection	11/10/16
Date of Last Inspection	10/6/15
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	7/6/16

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

Action

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds		X		This Greenacre home is in a neighborhood with many other homes nearby. Not all the neighbors are happy with a group home in their midst. Timothy Dimick has been working with the neighbors to try to accommodate their concerns. He has erected a fence along one side, planted shrubs in the front, and agreed to keep the children inside and quiet by 8p.m.
Building Exterior		X		The building is two stories and in good condition.
Living Room		X		The living room was very clean with plenty of natural light.
Kitchen		X		The kitchen was also very clean, open to living room.
Bedrooms		X		There are six bedrooms.
Bathrooms		X		Boys who act out sexually must inform the staff before using the bathroom. The staff then monitors the area making sure only one boy is in the bathroom at a time. All the boys must shower daily, and brush their teeth twice daily. They must maintain good personal hygiene.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		X		Extinguishers were accessible.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		X		Smoke alarms were mounted.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		X		The boys practice a monthly fire drill.

Food	X			We arrived shortly before dinnertime. The staff was teaching a youth to cook paella style rice. He used the words “ratio” and “translucent”, being sure the youth understood. Great words!
Emergency Supplies		X		There is a week’s supply of canned and dried food, in addition to 10 gallons of water. There are also flashlights, candles and a generator if the power goes out.
Health Services		X		The boys have an annual physical, plus medical treatment as needed. They see a dentist twice each year.
Medications		X		Medications are kept in a locked drawer in a locked room.
Recreation (on site)		X		There is lots of open space, a basketball hoop and bikes.
Outings (off site)		X		There is an annual snow trip and a trip to Six Flags. The boys also like going to the movies, the Academy of Sciences, Alcatraz, etc.
Education & Classrooms		X		All youth attend Greenacre School.
Mail/Phone		X		The boys can use the house phone. They are also allowed to have their own cellphones
Discipline		X		Discipline includes an early bedtime (1/2 hour early), or 1 to 4 hours of room time as needed.
Library		X		There were plenty of books.



Youth Interviews

TOPICS				
Evaluation of Program		X		One boy was content living here. The other was very frustrated that he could not live in Eddy house with the older boys.
Program Understood		X		Both boys understand the program.
Levels (Privileges)		X		Both boys can explain the system.
Grievances		X		The older boy said he really wanted to move up to the other house. He also would like to be able to do his exercises in his bedroom rather than outside.
Discipline		X		They think the discipline is reasonable.
Staff Evaluation		X		Both boys get along with the staff.
Health Services		X		above
Counseling/Therapy		X		
Chores & Allowance		X		The boys earn an allowance based on behavior and chores. (\$2 to

				\$10/week) The younger boy said he recently went with a staff member to an all-you-can-eat sushi restaurant in Petaluma. He sounded quite happy with his ability to spend his own money. He also said that when a boy wanted to buy something he just had to ask the staff, and they would arrange a time to go out shopping. They were not limited to scheduled shopping days.
Laundry		X		Each boy does his own laundry.
Clothes		X		Clothes shopping is done twice a year with the changing of the weather. There are extra clothes stored on site to be used by any of the Greenacre boys as needed. If a clothing need arises at some other time of year a special trip will be made to be sure the boys have what they need.
Food		X		The boys like the meals.
Snacks		X		Snacks include fruit and yogurt.
School	X			The older boy loves Greenacre school. He works in the café and in the garden. He earns \$16/day, five days each week. If he ever leaves Greenacre Homes, he said he definitely wants to continue attending Greenacre School.
Library		X		There were plenty of books.
Activities & Entertainment		X		The boys enjoy going to community events, hiking, going to the beach, baseball games, the Humane Society, Ceres, the Exploratorium, etc.
Money	X			The older boy said he has spent a lot of money, so now he is saving most of his earnings.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: 2

The boys have a reasonable amount of money for their ages. They must earn their money, but are free to spend it as they please.

Inspection Summary

This home is a clean safe place for younger teens. In addition to living close to neighbors, the youth have many opportunities to be out in public. Teaching them to cook, allowing cell phones, and letting them earn money to spend as they choose all help residents develop independence.

Commissioner Cathy Brooks

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

Commissioner Eve Goldberg

Commissioner Jody Edwards

Dennis Ruggiero, Chairperson

cc: Honorable Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court
Commissioner of the Juvenile Court
Probation Department, Chief of Probation
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