

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Greenacre Homes Hurlbut
Address:	On File
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Date of Inspection	11/10/16
Date of Last Inspection	10/1/15
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Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	3/23/15

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

Action

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds		X		There are lots of trees giving it a calm out-in-the-country feel.
Building Exterior		X		The exterior is in good condition.
Living Room		X		There is plenty of natural light. The boys looked comfortable on a huge soft sectional sofa.
Kitchen		X		It is open to the dining room, and within view of the living room
Bedrooms		X		Several of the young children were very excited and proud to show us their bedrooms. The sturdy armoires were bolted to the wall.
Bathrooms		X		Both bathrooms appeared clean. The boys each had a bin in a closet near the bathroom where all their hygiene items were stored.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		X		Extinguishers were easily accessible.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		X		Smoke alarms were in place.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		X		The boys practice a monthly fire drill.
Food		X		Dinner was ready when we arrived: homemade pizza and tossed salad.
Emergency Supplies		X		There is a week's worth of dried, canned and dehydrated food, along with 10 gallons of water. In addition there are flashlights and a generator if the power goes out.
Health Services		X		The boys have an annual physical exam, and get medical treatment during the year as needed. They see a dentist twice each year.

Medications		X		Medications are kept locked in a drawer in a locked room.
Recreation (on site)		X		The boys play outside in the large yard. They have bikes, balls and a basketball hoop. One boy said he likes to race.
Outings (off site)		X		There is an annual trip to Legoland, and to Six Flags. The boys also go to the store where they can buy Pokemon things.
Education & Classrooms		X		Most of the boys here attend public school.
Mail/Phone		X		The boys just have to ask to use the phone; they can make phone calls to family and friends.
Discipline		X		Discipline includes time outs in their rooms for 30 minutes to 4 hours
Library	X			There were lots of books on the shelves in the living room.

Youth Interviews

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TOPICS				
Evaluation of Program		X		The boys seem very comfortable, busy and content in this home.
Program Understood		X		They could explain the chore chart, the behavior level they were on, and what happens when they misbehave.
Levels (Privileges)		X		The levels are based on Monopoly (Baltic=level 1, Illinois, Marvin Gardens, and Boardwalk = level 4)
Grievances		X		None of the boys voiced any complaints.
Discipline		X		They all understood the house rules and what level they were on. The program includes restitution. If a child breaks another child's toy, he must pay to replace it. If he kicks a hole in the wall, he pays \$5 to help with the cost of the repair.
Staff Evaluation	X			All the kids really liked all the staff.
Health Services		X		The boys have an annual physical, and twice yearly dental visits.
Counseling/Therapy		X		The boys have a minimum of one hour each week of private therapy, and one hour of group therapy.
Chores & Allowance		X		One youth's favorite chore (which rotates weekly) was taking out the garbage because he liked watering the compost pile. The boys earn an allowance each week based on their behavior and chores. Generally they earn between \$2 and \$6. They are also expected to keep their rooms neat.
Laundry		X		Even the seven years old know how to do their own laundry, although the staff often helps a lot. The kids always have to fold it and put it away themselves, though.
Clothes		X		Staff supplies whatever is needed.
Food		X		Staff usually cooks, although the kids like to help for special events like

			cookie baking or making pizza.
Snacks		X	There is fruit and yogurt, etc. for snacks. Chocolate ice cream is a special treat.
School		X	Three of the children attend public school.
Library	X		Most of the children enjoy being read to in the evenings.
Activities & Entertainment		X	The boys play outside, they watch tv or read books.
Money		X	The boys earn an allowance of about \$2 to \$6 each week which they can spend as they wish.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: 4

One boy turned 8 three days ago. He is very much a Harry Potter fan. The staff created “Harry Potterland” for him that included extensive homemade decorations. It was a very time consuming, labor intensive effort on their part to make his birthday very special.

Inspection Summary

Greenacre Homes Hurlbut is home to the youngest children. We arrived just before dinner, and the children were exuberant but well behaved. Three staff were on duty making a ratio of 2 to 1. The children seemed proud to show their home. On my return trip a week later, the house was quiet as all six children were busy tidying up or playing in their rooms. As soon as they were done, they called on the staff to check and they were free to come out. This staff was vigilant without being smothering. They knew exactly where everyone was, but the home doesn't have an institutional feel at all. This is a fine home for young children.

Commissioner Cathy Brooks

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

Commissioner Eve Goldberg

Commissioner Jody Edwards

Dennis Ruggiero, Chairperson

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