

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Greenacre Homes Joyce Drive
Address:	On File
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Date of Inspection	11/10/16
Date of Last Inspection	10/1/15
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	6/12/15

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

Action

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds		X		This home is next door to the Hurlbut home. There are plenty of trees giving it a park -like feel.
Building Exterior		X		The exterior is clean and in good condition.
Living Room		X		The living room was very clean.
Kitchen		X		The kitchen was very clean. It is open to the dining room and living room.
Bedrooms		X		There are seven bedrooms. One had been retrofitted especially to accommodate a boy's emotional and physical needs. The rug had been removed; space under the bed had been made inaccessible.
Bathrooms		X		When a boy has a history of sexually acting out he must inform the staff before using the bathroom. The staff will monitor the area to be sure only one boy is in the bathroom at a time. The boys must shower at least once each day, brush their teeth twice, and maintain good hygiene.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		X		Fire extinguishers were accessible.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		X		Smoke alarms are in place.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		X		The boys practice a monthly fire drill.
Food	X			Menus are planned at the main office. Children are welcome to help prepare meals. Staff is creative in preparing meals. Rather than "pork chops" each week, he prepares the pork in different ways (crock pot BBQ, for example).
Emergency		X		There is a week's worth of canned, dried and dehydrated food, along with 10 gallons of water locked in a cabinet. There are also flashlights and

Supplies				candles, in addition to a generator if the power should go out.
Health Services		X		The boys have a physical exam yearly, and medical treatment as needed. They visit the dentist twice each year.
Medications		X		They are kept locked in a drawer in a locked room.
Recreation (on site)		X		Each child has a bike. There is lots of open space and grass. They can also play basketball.
Outings (off site)		X		There is an annual snow trip. The boys also go to Six Flags, to the movies and to restaurants.
Education & Classrooms		X		Youth attend Greenacre School.
Mail/Phone	X			Some of the boys have their own phones which they turn in at night. One boy was using a Greenacre laptop.
Discipline		X		There is a time out room where a youth can go voluntarily without consequence. It is a small empty room with a windowed door. The door does not lock from either side. The youth can express his feelings there, and when he feels ready he rejoins the rest of the house. In some instances the staff will put the youth in the room. The staff holds the door closed from the outside until the youth has calmed down.
Library	X			There are lots of books in the house.

Youth Interview

TOPICS				
Evaluation of Program	X			The youth seemed to feel very safe and supported. Great rapport with the staff.
Program Understood	X			They all knew the expectations.
Levels (Privileges)	X			They speak proudly of the levels they are on.
Grievances	X			There were no complaints.
Discipline	X			The emphasis is on helping the child come back into compliance. The staff are patient, caring and work to pull the best out of the children.
Staff Evaluation	X			All Greenacre homes have at least one staff with 10 years (or more) tenure with Greenacre.
Health Services		X		See above.
Counseling/Therapy		X		See above.
Chores & Allowance	X			The youth all had chores around the house in addition to keeping their rooms tidy. They are encouraged to save \$20 and are able to spend anything above that amount on whatever they want.

Laundry		X		They do their own laundry.
Clothes		X		They seemed to have plenty of clothes and shoes. They go clothes shopping twice each year, plus as needed.
Food	X			The youth on the laptop showed me several pictures of food he had made or was planning to make. They all like the food.
Snacks		X		There is fruit, yogurt, etc.
School		X		They had no complaints about school.
Library		X		See above.
Activities & Entertainment		X		The boys can be outside or in. They seemed to get along with each other very well.
Money		X		They earn their allowance and then are free to spend it how they want.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: 5

The youth are very happy at Greenacre Homes Joyce Drive. When one of the youth was asked how he liked living there, he said, "I love it!"

Inspection Summary

With Thanksgiving around the corner and upcoming home visits for some of the boys, some were feeling anxious. They relied heavily on the staff to support and comfort them. One staff, with 13 years of experience at Greenacre, said he saw the boys as family. Two boys in particular were visibly agitated. The staff was able to help each boy calm down by talking with/being with the boy.

Commissioner Eve Goldberg

Commissioner Jody Edwards

Dennis Ruggiero, Chairperson

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