

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Plumfield Villa
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***O = Outstanding *S= Satisfactory or exceeds *N.I. = Needs Improvement/corrective**

Action

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds	X			Very nice yard with garden and basketball court. There is a barbeque and large picnic table. Along side the outside wall is a very large bin with all kinds of balls Frisbees, and plastic baseball bats.
Building Exterior	X			New paint and very clean.
Living Room	X			Lots of books and appropriate videos. The homey living room contains two large leather sofas and a coffee table. We are always impressed with the book collection. There is a large TV.
Kitchen	X			The kitchen is clean with sharps locked away in a high cupboard. Fresh fruit is available in the kitchen for snacks at all times.
Bedrooms	X			Bedrooms were very clean with appropriate pictures and other memorabilia on the bulletin boards. Each boy had a comfortable bed, table, and reading lamp. We were impressed by the quality of books being read.
Bathrooms		X		Very clean.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers	X			Up to date.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms	X			In working order.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		X		The evacuation plan is posted and will soon also be posted in each child's room. However, each child knows exactly what to do in the event of an emergency.
Food	X			The refrigerator has vegetables, yogurt, bread and other fresh products. No food had out dated expirations. Cabinets contained canned foods, breads, beans and other items. It is worth noting that the kitchen contains many

			spices and herbs for cooking which shows the high level of meal preparation that goes on in this home. Freezer had burgers, organic veggies, and juice.
Emergency Supplies	X		Blankets and large water jugs are in the closet and in the garage. The freezer is filled to capacity with meat, chicken, vegetables, and juice.
Health Services	X		Each child has an annual physical exam. The dental exams are twice annually. Plumfield's own therapist provides individual and family counseling. Individual counseling is usually one or two times a week.
Medications	X		Staff administer medications that are prescribed by a psychiatrist. The medication binder was up to date and in an easy to use format. The medications were also user friendly in the storage bin. Medication is located in a locked cabinet.
Recreation (on site)	X		There are many recent and older favorite games in the game cupboard, which are all appropriate for this age group and population. As mentioned above, the yard is large with a basketball court and other possibilities for games and outdoor activities.
Outings (off site)	X		The children go to movies, on hikes, to the beach, to miniature golf, parks, shopping, etc. They also go to special events such as parades, fairs, museums, and events in San Francisco.
Education & Classrooms	X		The children attend either Brookhaven or Plumfield Academy.
Mail/Phone	X		As appropriate for each individual.
Discipline	X		All staff are well trained in the discipline procedure at Plumfield. It starts with a verbal prompt for inappropriate behaviors then to 5 to 10 minute time outs. Next SRT is structured room time, which is 45 to 90 minutes in the child's room, and then to OOPS which is house restriction where the child is restricted from public outings, electronic and TV for 1 to 3 days depending on the behavior. In the years I have been inspecting Plumfield, I have seen the verbal prompts work exceptionally well because all the staff are on the same page and the children feel secure with the limits.
Library	X		Excellent library.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The house is very clean and well maintained. Six children are living in this home, ages 7 – 12.

We were impressed with the knowledge and training levels of staff. The boys were genuinely responsive and happy with the staff.

There is a real feeling of family in this home. The boys feel very safe and secure with each other and the staff.

There are pictures of the boys on the refrigerator showing events they have been to or other milestones.

There is a photo album in the living room with pictures of the children.

Youth Interviews

TOPICS	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program	X			All the boys like the program and feel safe and well cared for.
Program Understood	X			The boys understand the program and most are able to convey that they believe it is helping them.
Levels (Privileges)	X			The levels are understood and are fair. The boys feel secure in the consistent behavior expectations for themselves and others.
Grievances	X			Most grievances are handled by the staff at each home or the teacher, however, if the boys feel they need to speak with Scott (therapist) or Darcee (director) they have access to them on a daily basis at the school. For the boys who go to public school, they are on the campus several times a week and can speak with either during that time.
Discipline	X			They think it's fair.
Staff Evaluation	X			"Really good staff, nice and fun."
Health Services	X			"I don't like to go to the dentist but I go if I have to."
Counseling/Therapy	X			The boys think the world of Scott.
Chores & Allowance	X			The chores are a part of living at the Villa and each boy feels he is an important part of the running of the home. They feel a responsibility and then a belonging as a result.
Laundry	X			The staff does the laundry and the boys fold and put away.
Clothes	X			"We get new clothes when come here if we need them. Sometimes we go shopping and get more clothes."
Food	X			"The food is really good." "It's really healthy for you."
Snacks	X			"I like the snacks and we have fruit in the bowl too."
School	X			"I like Plumfield Academy and I am doing good in my classes."
Library	X			"We have lots of books right here in our house."
Activities & Entertainment	X			"We do lots of things – go to movies, go to the beach, go to the park." "I like to go skating."
Money	X			"We get allowance for doing our chores."

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: 5

One child had been at Plumfield for a long time and enjoys his time here. While he would prefer to be home, he acknowledged that he is getting help here. He trusts staffs and likes school.

The overall feeling with the boys interviewed is that they are comfortable and feel safe in this home and with the staff. There is a family feeling amongst the youth.

Inspection Summary

This facility runs an exceptional program. It is impressive how well these children are cared for in such a safe and nurturing environment. Plumfield is a stellar example of what a group home experience should be. They have been doing this work for over 40 years and have a program that has helped hundreds of children face their issues and move on to a productive life.

Next Inspection Recommended: _____ or X Annual

Inspection

Inspection Commissioner

Mary Cone, Chairperson

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