

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	R House Boys Dorms 1 & 2
Address:	On File
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J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Michel Charpiot and Jane Person
Date of Inspection	06/21/16
Date of Last Inspection	February 2015
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	May 2016

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

Action

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds		x		Recent plantings around the property and new mulch have improved outdoor appearance
Building Exterior		x		The exteriors are well maintained and clean
Living Room		x		Both living rooms are comfortably appointed with couches and chairs. A TV is in each one.
Kitchen	x	x		Dorm 1 kitchen is satisfactory and is set to be remodeled in July. Dorm 2 kitchen has had its remodel just completed and looks very clean and updated. Knives are triple locked.
Bedrooms		x		A variety of single and double occupancy rooms were observed. They were comfortable and mostly clean and organized.
Bathrooms		x		Dorm 1 has had one bathroom remodeled and the other repaired. Dorm two has a remodeled bathroom, which was a note of concern in last inspection. All bathrooms are clean and functional.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers	x			All fire extinguishers were up to date on their inspections
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms	x			Both hardwired and battery powered alarms are throughout the facility. Carbon monoxide alarms are also in place.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x		Evacuation plans are posted throughout the dorms. A suggestion would be to use a brighter colored paper to draw more attention to them.
Food		x		During the school year Santa Rosa City Schools Commissary provides most meals. During the summer the staff cooks collaboratively with the residents to prepare food. For many residents this is a new skill for them to learn. Also most residents earn a "Servsafe" certification. This is a certification

Youth Interviews

TOPICS	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program		x		Both felt that the program was beneficial to them. Both mentioned “you have to want it”. The resident who had been in the program longer said “I feel like I have been successful”.
Program Understood	x			Both residents were able to clearly explain how the program works. Even the new resident was explaining details of the program.
Levels (Privileges)		x		A system of contracts is in place for the residents. There are incentives and sanctions in place to encourage the students to increase their “levels” or in this case contracts.
Grievances		x		Both residents were aware of the grievance procedure although neither has had occasion to file one.
Discipline		x		Residents mentioned that they were “held to a standard”. They thought the accountability was good. They also felt that the consequences (writing essays) were “fair”.
Staff Evaluation		x		They mentioned “the staff treat us like adults” and that “they hold us accountable for wrong and right”. There seems to be a genuinely good relationship between these two residents and the staff members.
Health Services		x		Both residents seemed healthy and well-taken care of although this topic was not discussed in any depth.
Counseling/Therapy		x		Residents had a good relationship with their therapists. They felt as if it was a person that they could talk to seek help from. The residents also attend AA meetings regularly. Multiple group meetings are held on a daily basis. One of the residents would like there to be fewer groups.
Chores & Allowance		x		Residents complete a number of chores for the chance to earn up to 15 dollars a week for personal use. The newer resident seemed to enjoy this. He said he likes everything “clean”.
Laundry	x			Residents liked that they had their laundry done three days a week by the staff. They were not as enthusiastic that they have to do it on the weekends, but they understood.
Clothes		x		Not discussed in this interview but presumably satisfactory.
Food		x		The residents complained that sometimes the food is bad. But one resident said he was getting used to home cooking. He had gotten very used to eating fast food but seemed to be enjoying the change
Snacks		x		Fruit, milk and PB&J are available all of the time, more variety would be appreciated by the residents.
School		x		School was not in session at this time. But one resident had graduated from the school and is planning to attend SRJC in the fall. He mentioned that the teachers were helpful. He also said he wished there were more electives available at the school. He wanted to take advanced math classes and these were not available.

Library		x	One resident likes to read and the other said he was not much of a reader.
Activities & Entertainment		x	Residents did enjoy their outing but would like more variety in them. One resident suggested that he would like a weight room or workout machines available to them for recreation.
Money		x	Please see "Chores and Allowance" above

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: ___2___

2 young men were interviewed. One was just starting the program and the other was close to finishing and preparing to attend Santa Rosa Junior College. Upon entering both made very good eye contact and had good handshakes.

Neither boy is from Sonoma County. In fact all of the boys except one are from other counties.

Overall they seemed to think that the program was positive and was helping them. Both inspectors agreed that they were impressive young men who had the potential for a bright future. Both take responsibility for the bad choices that necessitated placement.

Inspection Summary

R House continues to evolve and adapt as it continues its transition. It seems clear though that the focus of the staff remains on the recovery and well being of the residents. It is suggested that R House continues its physical upgrades for the good of the residents. The program seems effective and is anticipating upcoming changes put in place by the state.

Next Inspection Recommended: _____ or ___x___ Annual

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Mary Cone, Chairperson

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