

## Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Victor Treatment Center – Wright House
Address:	On File
Phone	On File
Contact Person	Kristine Aphugh

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Gayle Ballinger and Michael Fried
Date of Inspection	11/14/16
Date of Last Inspection	10/13/15
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	03/29/16

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

### *Action*

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds		x		The grounds are sparse. Because it is adjacent to the VTC offices the front yard is mainly a parking lot with access to basketball, bike riding, hanging out.
Building Exterior		x		The exterior is acceptable. One window screen is missing on east side of house.
Living Room		x		This is an extremely large room. New furniture and décor have been added since last inspected. Much improved, homier feel in the house.
Kitchen		x		Kitchen was clean and well organized. Refrigerator and freezer well stocked.
Bedrooms		x		There are six bedrooms. Each youth has his own room. The bedrooms were clean and organized. The boys are allowed to decorate their walls, few do.
Bathrooms			x	Bathrooms are clean. One lacked toilet paper holder and toilet paper.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		x		Extinguisher up to date.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		x		Multiple smoke alarms throughout.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x		Evacuation plan posted.
Food		x		Well-stocked cabinets, refrigerator, freezer and pantry.
Emergency Supplies		x		Located in the garage in a locked “cage”. The items are kept in large bins. Still difficult to reach in case of earthquake.
Health Services		x		Medical and dental visits are arranged, transportation arranged and paperwork filed in youth’s file.

Medications		x		Medication is locked and logged.
Recreation (on site)		x		30 minutes of exercise scheduled per day.
Outings (off site)		x		Many opportunities for outings, camping, field trips.
Education & Classrooms				All youth attend North Valley. These commissioners did not visit.
Mail/Phone		x		Youth receive mail and phone calls from approved people.
Discipline		x		Loss of allowance is one consequence. Loss of privileges.
Library				At the school.

## YOUTH INTERVIEWS

TOPICS				
Evaluation of Program		x		Youth interviewed was very involved with the home. He has been in the home for 2-3 years. First impression is he is one of the staff.
Program Understood				Believed he is better for his experience at VTC. He presents as part of the staff.
Levels (Privileges)				He has earned special privileges including extra income by washing the van weekly.
Grievances		x		He understands how the system works.
Discipline		x		He understands the discipline rules and agrees.
Staff Evaluation		x		He has spent a lot of time looking at his family dynamics, how it will be when he goes home in.
Health Services		x		Provided.
Counseling/Therapy		x		Yes weekly. It has helped understand himself and his family.
Chores & Allowance		x		\$1.50 per day. Possible to earn up to \$15 per week.
Laundry		x		Each youth has a specific laundry day.
Clothes		x		Yes, they are fine.
Food		x		Food is great. Able to cook on laundry day.
Snacks		x		Snacks are always available. Lots of fruit and other snacks.
School		x		"Good. There are kids who give the teachers a hard time."
Library		x		There is one at the school.
Activities & Entertainment				Lots of activities including trip to Washington DC, camping, prom.

Money		x		He gets an allowance and finds ways to make additional money by doing more chores.
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**ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH**

# of Youth Interviewed:        1  

Upon arriving the commissioners were introduced to several staff. This youth was with the staff and appears older than his years. It was difficult at first to tell if he was staff or youth. He participated in the tour, added information as needed. He presented as very serious, did not smile or make small talk. He very much took ownership of his house and placement. He wants to be a good role model for the younger kids especially when they first arrive. He has appreciated his time at VTC and what he has learned about himself and his family.


**Inspection Summary**

The youth in this house are usually placed here because it is near the office in case there is a need for additional support. The house has improved in interior appearance in feeling more homey. It is still used pretty roughly by the youth but the staff works diligently to get repairs done as soon as possible. Emergency supplies need attention.

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 Inspection Commissioner Gayle Ballinger      **Next Inspection Recommended:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or** \_\_\_\_\_ **Annual Inspection**

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 Inspection Commissioner Michael Fried

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 Mary Cone, Commissioner/Report Review

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 Dennis Ruggiero, Chairperson

cc: Honorable Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court  
 Commissioner of the Juvenile Court  
 Probation Department, Chief of Probation  
 Sonoma County Family Youth & Children's Services  
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