

## Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Greenacre Homes (Eddie Street Facility)2015
Address:	On record
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Contact Person	Timothy Dimick, Program Director

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	James Weathers and Richard Miller
Date of Inspection	October 1, 2015
Date of Last Inspection	August 7, 2014
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	June 12,2015

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

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds		x		Grounds of building appear to be well maintained given the current drought situation. Back yard and patio overlook vineyard. There is a basketball court and workout area off the kitchen area.
Building Exterior		x		Exterior of the building appears well maintained although the paint is somewhat faded in some areas. The exterior does not seem to be in need of any immediate repairs. The administrative offices for the Greenacre facilities are located in the front of the building with the resident housing unit attached to the back.
Living Room(s)		x		The primary living room was spacious and comfortably furnished with several sofas, fish tank and a table with two computers and a printer. Books lined the shelf above the computer terminals. There is a second day room with chairs, sofas and a foosball table. There was an additional selection of books in the second living room. All furniture was clean and in good repair.

Kitchen			<p>While each home has their own kitchen much of the meal preparation for all the houses is done in the large commercial grade kitchen at Eddie Lane. This kitchen often prepares bag lunches, which are delivered to the other houses. Some dinners are also prepared at the Eddie St facility and re-heated in the individual house kitchens. Weekly menus for this house were posted and in compliance with ADA and State guidelines.</p> <p>Cabinets were locked to ensure access only to appropriate staff. There was an adequate supply of cups, glasses plates and flatware. The dining table and accompanying chairs were sufficient to accommodate all house residents and staff. Snacks were available on the counter and consisted of fresh fruit. Additional snacks were available at set hours.</p>
Secondary food preparation area.			<p>There is a secondary food preparation/storage area off the main kitchen, which contained kitchen knives and an electric slicing machine used in food preparation as well as some cleaning supplies and other items off limits to the residents. Existing policy requires that the door to this room be locked when staff is not in the immediate area to monitor access. The door was open at the time of our visit and no staff was in the immediate vicinity. Staff indicated that she moved out of the area in order not to hinder our inspection. Immediately following our discussion with Director Dimick all items of concern were placed in locked cabinets either in this area or in the kitchen immediately adjacent to it.</p>
Pantry			<p>Most foods are shipped to the Eddie Lane House by local suppliers. Staples such as bread, milk, eggs etc. are sent from Eddie Ln to the other homes twice a week.</p> <p>There is a large locked food storage area containing two large commercial freezers as well as two large commercial refrigerators for storage of produce, meats and dairy for all the five Greenacre homes. Both the freezers and refrigerators were well stocked. In addition to the freezers and refrigerators the pantry area stores a supply of canned goods, breads, flour, sugar, rice dry breakfast cereals etc.</p>
Bedrooms		x	<p>Each room is comfortably furnished and has a desk, lamp, bed and dresser. Residents may decorate their rooms with posters, pictures etc.</p>
Bathrooms		x	<p>Bathrooms were in very good repair. One bathroom had recently been completely re-done and a bathtub installed. Toilets and showers were clean. In addition safety bars had been installed.</p>

Fire Safety --Extinguishers		x	Fire Extinguishers are located in the kitchen, near a back door and in the hallway leading from the office building all five had current inspection dates...
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		x	Each room has a smoke alarm and the hallway has a hardwired fire alarm and hard-wired emergency lighting. Exit signs are posted above each exterior door.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x	Although several copies of the evacuation plan were posted, not all were posted in the most advantageous areas. This issue was discussed with staff and rectified within days of the inspection.
Food		x	Fresh fruit was available to clients. Frozen food was varied and items in refrigerators that were opened were dated and current.
Emergency Supplies		x	Appropriate emergency supplies are kept in the locked office
Health Services		x	Each home has a social worker plus one clinician.
Medications		x	Medications are secured in a locked drawer located in a locked office accessible by staff. Prepackaged medication is colored coded to time of day to reduce errors. Records of all meds are logged and kept in the office.
Recreation (on site)	x		There are a variety of video games; board games and reading material available to the residents. There are two basketball hoops in the back yard as well as skateboard and bicycles available to the residents. There is a computer in the living room that is accessible to clients.
Outings (off site)	x		Each resident has a bicycle and is encouraged to use it. There are a number of photographs of the residents participating in community bike rides including the Gran Fondo. In fact five residents are scheduled to ride in this years Grand Fondo. Other outside activities include A's games, hiking, trips to San Francisco, movies once a week, ice-skating, Scandia, Exploratorium and science camp. Each resident is offered Aikido classes (a non-violent marital art).
Education & Classrooms		x	Some of the residents at Eddie Ln attend the Sonoma County adult program and one attends a vocational school, Two are at Brookhaven and one is at Anna Lee part time. During the summer months when the school year ends Greenacres conducts a summer program to keep their residents engaged in the process and keep a consistent structure. Each student is issued an iPad.
Mail/Phone		x	Each resident has unrestricted access to the phone and computer, unless restrictions due to behavior are in effect. Mail is sent and received without screening.

Discipline		x	<p>Although the Eddie Lane facility has some additional latitude in the use of restraint given the age of their population, 18 plus, the use of restraints is extremely low.</p> <p>The program focus is on relationship building and learning independent decision and life skills. There is an “opportunity room” for residents to use voluntarily (can also be placed there) for de-escalation or reflection during stressful incidents. While the door is not locked, staff is always in attendance. The resident is removed from the room after a five-minute period. Points are earned by residents that can be used to volunteer at hospice, the humane society, or the organic food pantry. If the opportunity room is used, there are not consequences, making a safe environment to get oneself together without a negative connotation.</p>
Library		x	Age appropriate reading material is located in the living rooms.

<b>ADDITIONAL NOTES</b>			
Unlike most group homes in Sonoma County Greenacres accepts residents who are both developmentally delayed and emotionally challenged ages 8-18 (with exceptions some residents are older).			
They take level 14 and level 12 kids.			
They also accept Regional Center clients			
Very low staff turnover. They hire from within their internship program whenever possible which can help provide a sense of continuity and facilitate staff/resident relationship building.			
Staff are encouraged to provide input in decision-making and program development.			
Internship program requires interns to work minimum of 20 hours a week and agree to 1 year commitment. This is a paid internship and requires the intern to stay past his or her own academic school year. Paid internships are rare so this is an incentive, which promotes student participation.			
Community involvement of its residents is encouraged where appropriate.			
Staff is knowledgeable about residents with both developmental issue and emotional concerns.			
Each resident is associated with a regional center. Currently 20% of their residents are from Sonoma County.			

## Youth Interviews

TOPICS	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program		x		Complimentary about program.
Program Understood		x		Residents are given an orientation, a handbook of house rules and assigned a peer buddy
Levels (Privileges)		x		Residents interviewed understood how the privilege system worked and what the consequences of misbehavior were.
Grievances		x		Residents understood the homes grievance process and felt that staff was available to discuss issues. If friction with one staff member was felt another was available to talk to.
Discipline		x		Felt the disciplinary process was fair.
Staff Evaluation		x		All residents felt staff were fair and could be talked to. (Some more than others)
Health Services		x		Each resident sees a counselor weekly. They each stated they liked their counselor. Each resident saw psychiatrist every other week.
Counseling/Therapy		x		See above. On site clinical staff is an excellent idea and makes access to counseling more efficient.
Chores & Allowance		x		Initially an allowance is given based on age and points earned for chores done. Additional points may be earned by doing additional chores. Chores are assigned according to a schedule. Chores include, feeding the fish, helping with cooking, some cleaning, etc.
Laundry		x		Laundry is done on site. Each resident does laundry once a week based on posted schedule. Detergent is pre-measured and locked in a cabinet in the laundry room.
Clothes		x		Clothes are either their own or from group home supplies. If things get "old" they can pick new ones.
Food		x		Residents all agreed that the food was good. Residents are encouraged to help with meal prep. Each resident has access to fruit that is available in the kitchen, and to his or her own snack they have purchased.
Snacks		x		See above
School		x		See above.

Library		x		Residents make use of the library or in some cases have their own books.
Activities & Entertainment	x			Residents enjoy movies, bike riding, field trips. Several of the residents indicated that they would be riding their bikes in the upcoming Gran Fondo bicycle event.
Money		x		Can earn funds based on age and chore.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH**

**Inspection Summary**

As with the other Greenacre homes, we feel this house continues to provide a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for its residents.

**Commissioners:**  
**James Weathers** \_\_\_\_\_ **Richard Miller** \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Inspection Recommended:** \_\_\_\_\_ or    **x**    **Annual Inspection**

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**Mary Cone, 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  
State of California, Community Care Licensing  
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