

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Plumfield Villa
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Date of Inspection	May 26, 2015
Date of Last Inspection	March 25, 2014
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	1/17/2013

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

Action

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds		X		Nice yard with room to play. There is a barbeque and a large picnic table. There is also a basketball court.
Building Exterior		X		The exterior is in good condition.
Living Room		X		The living room has a very comfy, homey feeling. There are two large leather sofas and a coffee table. The TV is large with many appropriate dvd's. There is also a large bookcase with an impressive collection of books.
Kitchen		X		The kitchen is in good condition. All the knives and scissors are locked in a high cupboard.
Bedrooms		X		All the bedrooms are clean and orderly with personal touches, ie. awards, photographs of family or friends, drawings.
Bathrooms		X		The bathroom is very clean.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers	X			Fire extinguisher was last checked on May 25, 2015, yesterday.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms	X			Smoke alarms working.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan	X			The evacuation plan is posted and all children know what to do in an emergency.
Food	X			The kitchen is well stocked. The refrigerator was filled to the brim (and they didn't know I was coming). The freezer, likewise. One cupboard is full of cans of beans, tomato sauce, veggies, and fruit. Another cupboard holds only spices, another vinegar, olive oil, barbeque sauce – which is a sure sign that real cooking is going on in this home.

Emergency Supplies	X			Emergency supplies such as blankets and huge water jugs are in the closet, as well as in the garage. The freezer was completely filled with meat, chicken, orange juice, pasta.
Health Services	X			They children are given annual physical exams with dental exams provided twice annually. Counseling is provided to each child one to two times per week with family therapy provided two to four times per month – if appropriate.
Medications	X			A psychiatrist prescribes medications and the staff administer. The medication binder was up to date with a user-friendly format.
Recreation (on site)	X			There is a very large cupboard of games, not just the usual old ones but new ones as well. All are appropriate for this population.
Outings (off site)	X			The children go to the park, on hikes, to the beach, to movies, and shopping. They also attend many special events in the area such as fairs and parades and museums.
Education & Classrooms	X			Some of the children in this home attend Plumfield Academy and others go to Brookhaven Elementary.
Mail/Phone	X			As appropriate for each child.
Discipline	X			The discipline at Plumfield is stellar. Most of the staff at this home have been here for years. They are well trained to deal with the challenges of this age group and population. I witnessed a staff member dealing with a particularly difficult situation upon my arrival. I have been doing this for 11 years and I was thoroughly impressed.
Library	X			As stated above, excellent library.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

This home houses some of the younger children at Plumfield. Younger children, by definition, are more of a handful than the older ones, and with this population's needs, even more so. However, there is a feeling of family, caring, security, and safety in this home. The staff are well trained and prepared to handle everything so that all the children feel safe and well cared for. There are pictures of the boys at different events on the refrigerator which makes for a very homey feel. Some are from an outing to a park, holiday events, beach, etc.



Youth Interviews

TOPICS	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program		X		All the boys like the program, some more than others. A couple of the newer and younger boys want to go home but feel “really good” here.
Program Understood	X			The program is completely understood by all the boys – even the ones who have only been here for a couple of weeks.
Levels (Privileges)	X			They all understand the levels and the OOPS (out of program system) and seem to really like the concrete and immediate response that it provides.
Grievances	X			All the boys feel the staff can handle any grievance they have but they do know they can also go to Scott or Darcee.
Discipline	X			They all feel they are treated fairly and respectfully.
Staff Evaluation	X			All the boys said they really like the staff and they feel safe with them.
Health Services	X			“We go to the doctor for a visit once in a year and I have been to the dentist two times. I don’t need to go to the doctor because I am very healthy and I don’t get sick.”
Counseling/Therapy	X			They all think Scott is the greatest.
Chores & Allowance	X			The feeling from all the boys is that they want to do the chores because it makes them part of this “family” and they then feel included. “I have lots of responsibilities to help out at our house.”
Laundry	X			The staff does the laundry but the boys fold and put away.
Clothes	X			The newest boy wants to have more clothes but he did count his shoes for me – 11.
Food	X			“Really good.” “The best food here is spaghetti and meatballs.” “We have menus.” “I don’t prefer the pesto.”
Snacks	X			“We have good snacks and we talk to each other when we are eating our snacks.”
School		X		“I go to Plumfield Academy and I really like my teachers.” The boys who go to Brookhaven were not as happy about their school experience as the others.
Library	X			The boys have lots of books of their own in their rooms.
Activities & Entertainment	X			See above
Money	X			“We get money for doing things and helping out.”

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: ___5___

Inspection Summary

This home is excellent in every way with an exceptional program. It runs smoothly and safely while maintaining a very homey feeling. All the children feel safe and well taken care of. Plumfield is the ideal of group homes. It is quite impressive the way the staff makes each child feel at home and orientated so quickly.

Inspection Commissioner

Next Inspection Recommended: _____ **or** _____ **Annual Inspection**

Mary Cone, Chairperson

cc: Honorable Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court
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