

## Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Victor Treatment Center – Juniper House
Address:	On File
Phone	707-360-1505
Contact Person	Bethany Bilyeu

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Gayle Ballinger
Date of Inspection	10/23/15
Date of Last Inspection	10/29/14
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	6/12/15

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

### *Action*

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds		x		Property is in the country with a large back yard extending toward pastures. The front yard is paved with basketball court.
Building Exterior		x		Clean and low maintenance.
Living Room		x		The living room is clean and sparse.
Kitchen		x		The kitchen is clean. Cupboards, refrigerator and freezer are well stocked.
Bedrooms		x		The bedrooms are clean and organized.
Bathrooms		x		The bathrooms are clean.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		x		Fire extinguishers are up to date.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		x		Smoke detectors are in working condition.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x		Evacuation plan is posted.
Food		x		Food is stored properly. There is a lot of it.
Emergency Supplies		x		Emergency supplies are stored in bins in the garage. Bins were opened and supplies seem to be in order.
Health Services		x		Medical and dental appointments are made and transportation provided.
Medications		x		Medications are stored and locked in the office.
Recreation (on site)		x		Recreation is scheduled for 30 minutes per day.

Outings (off site)		x		There are off site outings scheduled depending on behavior of the youth.
Education & Classrooms		x		North Valley is the school.
Mail/Phone		x		Mail and phone calls are allowed and scheduled depending on each youth's plan.
Discipline		x		Discipline is grounding.
Library		x		There is a library at the school.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

There were only two youth available during the visit. The others were out with staff or at appointments. This home typically has a fun atmosphere. There are only boys in this home. One was on fly swatting detail. Being in the country with livestock nearby flies are a constant issue. The fly swatting seemed to be almost part of the afternoon entertainment. They stated that fly strips used to be hung in the kitchen but they filled up so quickly that it was too gross to have in the kitchen.

One was tending his Venus Flytrap plants in the kitchen.

There is a house cat that is part of the family.

### Youth Interviews

TOPICS	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program		x		A male was interviewed. He was positive about the program and hopes to stay after he is 18. He plans to go to SRJC and because of AB12 he wants to opt into the program and go to school for auto mechanics.
Program Understood		x		He understands the program. He likes VTC as opposed to other placements he has been in.
Levels (Privileges)		x		There are no levels.
Grievances		x		He understands how to make a grievance.
Discipline		x		Discipline is grounding.
Staff Evaluation		x		He really likes the staff
Health Services		x		His medical and dental appointments are up to date.
Counseling/Therapy		x		A clinician meets with the youth regularly.
Chores & Allowance		x		Chores are expected daily. Allowance of \$1.50 per day connected with behavior. If grounded allowance will be withheld.
Laundry		x		Each youth launders his own clothes.
Clothes		x		He has all the clothes he needs and when he gets enough allowance he

			can go shopping again.
Food		x	Food is always good and there is plenty of it.
Snacks		x	There are plenty of snacks and healthy ones.
School		x	North Valley is ok.
Library		x	There is a library at the school.
Activities & Entertainment		x	Activities are planned depending on how the house is doing.
Money		x	Money is from allowances and gifts and kept in the office.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH**

# of Youth Interviewed:     \_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_

The young man was very congenial and happy to be at VTC. He feels supported and seems to have a long-range plan. He had an ankle injury and was visited by medical personnel while this commissioner was interviewing. She advised him to not walk on his foot, to wear the brace she brought and advised that he would get a new brace after the weekend.

**Inspection Summary**

**Gayle Ballinger**

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Inspection Commissioner

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