

## Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Facility Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Hanna Boys Center
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Contact Person	Louis H. Young Jr. Administrator for Coordinator of Residences, Scott Singer, Chief of Operations

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Manuel G. Lopez
Date of Inspection	01/25/14
Date of Last Inspection	2-23-13
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	5/23/2013

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

INSPECTED	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds	X		Clean and well maintained by youth. Major jobs are contracted out.
Building Exterior	X		Clean and well kept.
Living Room	X		Clean and organized. There is also a recreation room with weights and a pool table next to the living room but with constant, clear visibility from staff.
Kitchen	X		Clean and organized. Fridge is emptied and cleaned on a regular basis. Fridge, dining area, and counters were being cleaned as part of the cleanliness routine during my inspection.
Bedrooms	X		Clean. On the average well organized and uncluttered. Pictures on the walls are allowed but "if they could be offensive to my grandmother", the pictures come down or if they have gang content or significance.
Bathrooms	X		Clean and everything working properly. Three shower stalls, and three toilet stalls. One of which is in compliance with ADA standards. There are three urinals and five washbasins in bathrooms.
Fire Safety -Extinguishers -Smoke Alarms -Evac. Plan ?	X		<p>Fire extinguishers in every building and maintained accordingly. (Good until 6/19/15).</p> <p>Smoke alarms in place and working. Batteries replaced every June or July and used batteries given to residents upon request for their personal use.</p> <p>Fire alarms also at entrances of buildings.</p> <p>Random fire drills conducted monthly in every cottage by staff and annotated in a check off sheet. Last fire drill was conducted 12/18/13.</p> <p>Sprinklers in place.</p> <p>(continued next page)</p>

			A generator is in place for power outages. Evacuation routes posted in visible locations in every building.
Food	X		Menus are prepared and posted in advance. Pantry is well stocked. A nutritionist comes out to verify that the meals offered are plentiful and nutritious. Plenty of snack food in dorms for snack times and plenty of food in kitchen. Meals are decided as a team based on input from residents in their respective houses. Occasionally Mr. Young is asked to BBQ for the residents. "Birthday meals" are decided by the person celebrating his birthday. Fridge is emptied and cleaned on a regular basis (it was being cleaned during inspection).
Health Services	X		Nurse on grounds. Up to 150 volunteer dentists, usually on Thursdays, provide services. For medical emergencies, parents are notified and youth are transported to medical facilities by Hanna staff or their parents. Youth are also transported to doctor appointments as needed.
Medications	X		Double locked, secured and controlled. All meds are prescribed by professionals, i.e. dentist, doctor, etc. When dispensing meds, precaution is taken to ensure that there are no distractions by having two staff in a closed room.
Recreation (on site)	X		Plenty of recreation. Competitive sports against other schools as well. Music and band as part of the curriculum and for pleasure as well. There are concerts, "No Talent Shows".
Outings (off site)	X		Movies, skating, beach, San Francisco, Fan Fest. Wilderness ventures are common and are currently trying to do summer camps. Rock climbing for team building skills.
Education/ Classrooms	X		The school has been accredited since (about) 2005 as a high school. Education is considered superior to other schools that youth have attended. Elective courses that are no longer offered such as woodshop. (woodshop instructor retired since last inspection) and music are still offered at Hanna. Smaller classrooms provide for more individualized attention. Youth like smaller classes. Classrooms have computers and internet access through school server so as to remotely see what the computers are opened to and assure that no inappropriate content is accessed.
Mail/Phone	X		Mail delivery is normal. Only packages are monitored for prevention of contraband entering the campus. Packages are opened in front of manager or caseworker. There are pay phones available to those that are not entitled to have cell phones. Cell phones are allowed by youth who've earned merits such as "status one and two". But cell phone use is restricted and the privilege can be revoked. No phone bills are to come to Hanna but instead to their parents' home.
<b>INSPECTED</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>N.I.</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Family Contact			Youth can go home for up to two weekends per month if there have been no rule violations so they can spend time with their families.
Discipline			Progressive discipline is the preferred mode. Most minor problems are taken care of in house. "Restorative Quest" is usually the first step where the youth accepts responsibility for their actions and meets with their victims, apologizes and makes amends. Youth also faces loss of privileges and status demotion. 60-day campus restriction for more serious violations.
Library			Available to all youth and on Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 7:30 with a librarian present for assistance.

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**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

Since Father Crews resignation, Scott Singer is the interim Director. Youth interested in attending Hanna Boys Center, may send the mandatory intake letters for consideration to: Richard Russe.

With Father Crews' resignation, a priest must be brought in to do confessions but mass and all other programs have not been affected. Youth have not been negatively affected by his resignation or by the allegations.

Getting ready to re-start the bike program; collecting bicycles, fixing them and sending them to Africa for disadvantaged kids.

On Arnold Dr. at the entrance to Hanna Boys Center there is a round about that was installed by the city since the last inspection. (not a part of Hanna).

A new Administration Building has been built since last inspection.

The Gilbert & Dorthy Lazzerechi Auditorium has also been completed since last inspection. Non-Profit and Community organizations are allowed to use it for no fee except a clean-up fee.

Hanna Boys Center is the official Natural Disaster Command Center for the city of Sonoma.

Maintenance for Hanna Boys Center is done by a maintenance employee who is also lives "just down the street". He does maintenance for the center including troubleshooting possible false alarms.

There are three night watch staff per night

There are four coordinators and one is always on call.

**Youth Interviews**

TOPICS	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program	X		Youth love the structure at Hanna even though in the beginning it was not something that they wanted. The curriculum and the smaller classrooms are exactly what youth like now that they've matured.
Counseling/ Therapy	X		In house and individual case workers.

Physical Education	X		Varsity and Jr. Varsity sports with qualified coaches. Competitions with other schools just like any other school.
Health Services	X		Health and dental services available on grounds on a regular basis. Nurse on grounds. For medical emergencies, parents are notified and youth are transported to medical facilities by Hanna staff or their parents. Youth are also transported to Dr. appointments as needed.
School	X		Some youth have the opportunity to attend Sonoma Valley High School in Sonoma but there are also teachers on staff.
Food	X		Culinary Epicurian employees work with Hanna staff and also teach interested youth how to work in culinary. Youth assist in prepping the food, under strict supervision.
Snacks	X		Snacks are plentiful. Youth are allowed to also have their own snacks from home and kept in their cottage in their designated location in the kitchenette.
Library	X		Ample amount of books and a librarian who is helpful.
Chores	X		Youth do chores everyday on a three-month rotation so as not to do the same thing all the time.
Money	X		Youth can also work at Hanna. The amount of responsibility and the difficulty of the task as well as the status of the youth determine their pay. (There are four different status ranks. One and two have more privileges) Youth can also ask for raises and their requests are evaluated by Hanna staff.
Mail / Phone	X		No problems with mail delivery or receipt of mail except for packages, which have to be opened in front of manager or caseworker. Phone calls are granted and not a problem attaining if rules are followed...
Levels (privileges)	X		There are four status levels. Status one has the most privileges including eligibility for two weekends away from campus per month, while status four has the least privileges. Status can be dropped for inappropriate behavior or doing poorly in school. Up to 60 day campus restrictions for violations. Residents try hard not to violate.
Laundry	X		Everyone does his own laundry but the younger youth have to be supervised by the older youth.
Grievances	X		A grievance procedure is in place and most grievances are taken care of at the lowest level. The caseworker may get involved but confidentiality prevents Hanna staff and caseworker from sharing information.
Activities & Entertainment	X		Music concerts in the Spring in which Hanna participation includes Hanna staff. Christmas shows and concerts as well as "No Talent Shows" in addition to sports activities, competitive sports, movies, beach, skating, etc.
Program Length Understood	X		At initial interview the youth are advised of the length of time and sign up for a minimum of one year but can stay up to 5 years.
Staff evaluation	X		Like the staff at Hanna and appreciate the after care and quality of services. As one youth put it, "Hanna is my home" and I can count on the staff for advise whenever I need it.
Discipline	X		Progressive discipline is fair. Justice is usually accomplished and the youth get to vote on discipline of youth in our cottage. At times the youth are moved out of the cottage to a different one due to discipline problems. Humanly administered and best of all: Fair, Firm, and Consistent.

Allowance	X		Youth receive an allowance and may receive more based on motivation.
Clothes	X		Pants to be kaki black, or gray. Shirts are to be solid colors, and not red or blue. A Chapel dress code consists of dress shirts, slacks, and shoes. Clothing is provided for those youth who cannot afford to buy them.
Medications	X		Psychotic medications are prescribed if needed and monitored by caseworker. A log is kept of all controlled medications. Medications are in a locked cabinet.
Drugs/Alcohol	X		There are no problems in this area but whenever a problem arises, rather than terminate the youth, Hanna staff help the youth by providing resources such as Craig Frazier's "Phoenix Program's" no drug policy on Mondays and it's open to the public. There is an NA and an AA program and the youth are helped if they re-lapse. Youth with drug problems are on a 60-day campus restriction. Mr. Young also does chemical testing regularly but at random.
Probation officer	X		There are a few youth who are students at Hanna who are on probation but not many and their Probation Officers do check on them regularly.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH**

# of Youth Interviewed:          1  

Ages of youth interviewed:  1)  17  2)       3)       4)      

Length of time at this facility: 1)  1/12 years  2)    3)    4)   

(1) The resident I interviewed has been at Hanna one and a half year. He will graduate in May and plans to attend Santa Rosa Junior College for two years and since he likes to help others, take EMT classes and become a firefighter. He plans to attend a four-year college or university. He would like to attend Oregon State and he has already applied for a couple of scholarships and plans to apply for eight to ten more. Eventually he wants to return to California after he is financially stable.

When he first came to Hanna he didn't like the structure but in time he loved knowing where he stood and what to expect. The structure has helped him be a more responsible person and will be something that he can use the rest of his life. He appreciates everything that Hanna staff has done for him and for making him the man he is today. He will definitely be using the structure and discipline learned at Hanna when he has his own family.

# Inspection Summary

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Manuel Lopez, Commissioner

**Next Inspection Recommended:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or**  X  **Annual Inspection**  
Date

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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  
Department of Social Services  
State of California, Community Care Licensing  
Juvenile Probation Director  
Facility Inspected