

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Lane House
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J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Gayle Ballinger
Date of Inspection	8/5/14
Date of Last Inspection	4/9/13
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	

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

Action

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds		x		The grounds are clean and well maintained. Large front yard, country setting.
Building Exterior		x		Building is well maintained.
Living Room	x			Extremely clean, open setting because this house was previously used for deaf clients and there was a need to have greater view.
Kitchen	x			Very clean, lots of fruit available.
Bedrooms		x		Clean and decorated.
Bathrooms	x			Each resident decorates the space around his or her bed. Very creative.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		x		Up to date.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		x		In working order
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x		Posted in office.
Food	x			Lots of food in the refrigerator and freezer. Clearly organized.
Emergency Supplies		x		Sufficient amount of emergency supplies for the number of residents.
Health Services		x		Doctor and dental appointments up to date.
Medications		X		Locked and logged.
Recreation (on site)		x		30 minutes scheduled each day. When I visited it was sprinkling. Residents and staff were walking and talking as they walked laps around the house.

Outings (off site)	x			Some residents were at Disneyland, some had returned, some had gone white water rafting, some were scheduled for an upcoming camping trip.
Education & Classrooms		X		North Valley School. I have not been to the school. Residents report appreciation for the school.
Mail/Phone		X		All are able to receive mail and calls. A phone list is made regarding calls.
Discipline		X		Clear and fair according to residents. Each resident
Library		x		Books are available. During school library books can be brought home as well.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Upon arriving at Lane House I noticed a large blue recycling can tipped over in the driveway with garbage strewn about. As I waited at the front door for someone to answer I heard a lot of screaming which seemed to come from a child's voice. When the door opened I asked if it was a good time for me to inspect or if they would prefer to have me check another house and come back afterward. I was welcomed in with the understanding that a crisis was taking place and the staff was handling it. A resident warned me that this was not a good time.

Three staff were on hand. Two took care of the resident with the issue. They sat on the floor in his room and comforted him. The third staff member was available to the resident I was talking to, as well as cleaning, straightening and being available to the other two staff.

By the time I left after an hour the resident was calmly laying on the floor watching what was going on.

Youth Interviews

TOPICS	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program	x			Felt his program met his needs.
Program Understood	x			Felt he understood his individual program. He stated each resident has his own individualized program.
Levels (Privileges)		x		He didn't believe there were levels. When someone is grounded he loses privileges.
Grievances		x		There is a procedure in place to state grievances.

Discipline		x		Discipline starts with prompts. When prompts fail to work grounding may be next.
Staff Evaluation	x			“Staff is the greatest/ They really care, help us work through our problems, guide us”
Health Services		x		Access to medical care
Counseling/Therapy		x		There is someone assigned to the house.
Chores & Allowance		x		Chores are listed on board. They are done several times a day. For example the living room is vacuumed in the morning and again at the end of the day only the couches are moved at the end of the day for a more thorough vacuuming.
Laundry		x		Each does his own laundry on a specific day.
Clothes		x		Get a clothing allowance. When the resident wants more clothes he talks to staff and they apply for the money from the main office.
Food	x			“The food is great”
Snacks				We get snacks. There is always fruit available too.
School		x		North Valley
Library		x		At school. Small library in the house.
Activities & Entertainment	x			Always something to do. Go on outings. Bake. He was going to go with staff to clean another house while the residents were away. He volunteered for fun.
Money		x		Each resident gets \$10.50. If they get grounded they lose \$1 for each day grounded.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: ___1___

He was extremely knowledgeable about the inner workings of the house. He could speak about all of the rules. Why the medication needs to be locked. He spoke about his own lack of self-control and his hope for getting it under control. Very enthusiastic about his “home”.

Inspection Summary

The house is very clean, welcoming, decorated well. The staff was warm and friendly. They were very encouraging to both of the residents. The recycling container remained in the driveway because this was going to have to be taken care of by the resident who had kicked it over and was being tended to currently.

Gayle Ballinger
Inspection Commissioner

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

Mary Cone, Chairperson

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