

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Miles House
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Phone	360-1500
Contact Person	Bethany Bilyeu

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Gayle Ballinger
Date of Inspection	8/7/14
Date of Last Inspection	3/26/13
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		Small front yard. Large back yard.
Building Exterior		x		
Living Room		x		Fairly plain.
Kitchen	x			Very nice kitchen. Modern. Refrigerator and freezer had enough food. Both were stocked sloppily, items sideways. But there was plenty of food. There was a broken window in one of the sliders that lead to the back deck. Duct tape had been placed across the window, a new window had been ordered.
Bedrooms		x		Clean but disheveled, Legos strewn around the floor. One bedroom had had some hard use. Instead of sheetrock there was plywood lining all the walls due to holes being punched in them. The walls were painted and maintained.
Bathrooms		x		Adequate.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		x		Up to date.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		x		Working
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x		Posted
Food		x		Good amount on hand. Bowls of fruit available.
Emergency		x		Stored in garage.

Supplies				
Health Services		x		Medical services available to residents.
Medications		x		Logged and locked.
Recreation (on site)		X		At least 30 minutes per day.
Outings (off site)		x		For those not grounded there are trips to Disneyland and camping and rafting are available
Education & Classrooms		x		North Valley.
Mail/Phone		x		Both are available to residents
Discipline		x		Rarely are restraints used.
Library		x		At school.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Upon arriving at Miles two staff and one resident were building bee boxes in the driveway. There were only two youth at the house and three staff. The staff was making lunch with the help of one of the youth. The menu was hamburgers and scalloped potatoes chosen by the youth. I was given a tour of the facility, met with one of the youth after he ate.

The slider in the kitchen was shattered, stabilized by duct tape. A rock had struck it from the lawn mower or weed whacker. Because these are specialty doors one had to be specially ordered. It was on order.

This house is a little more rugged in appearance than some of the others. It is clean and comfortable with an atmosphere of being a “guys” house.

Youth Interviews

TOPICS	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program		x		Said he was satisfied with the program
Program Understood		x		Yes, he felt confident he understood.
Levels (Privileges)				Does not apply regarding levels. Privileges may be lost for behavior.

Grievances		x		He knew the procedure.
Discipline		x		He felt it was fair.
Staff Evaluation		x		He likes the staff for the most part.
Health Services		x		He has had appointments.
Counseling/Therapy		x		Someone comes to the house.
Chores & Allowance		x		They are given money for chores. May lose money for bad behavior.
Laundry		x		They do their own on specific days.
Clothes		x		They have opportunities to shop for clothes. Need a couple days notice.
Food		x		Food is great and lots of it.
Snacks		x		There are snacks at certain times. Fruit is always available.
School		x		North Valley.
Library		x		Library at school. Books available in the house.
Activities & Entertainment		x		There are lots of things to do. Field trips, building bee hives, etc.
Money		x		Kept safe in the office.

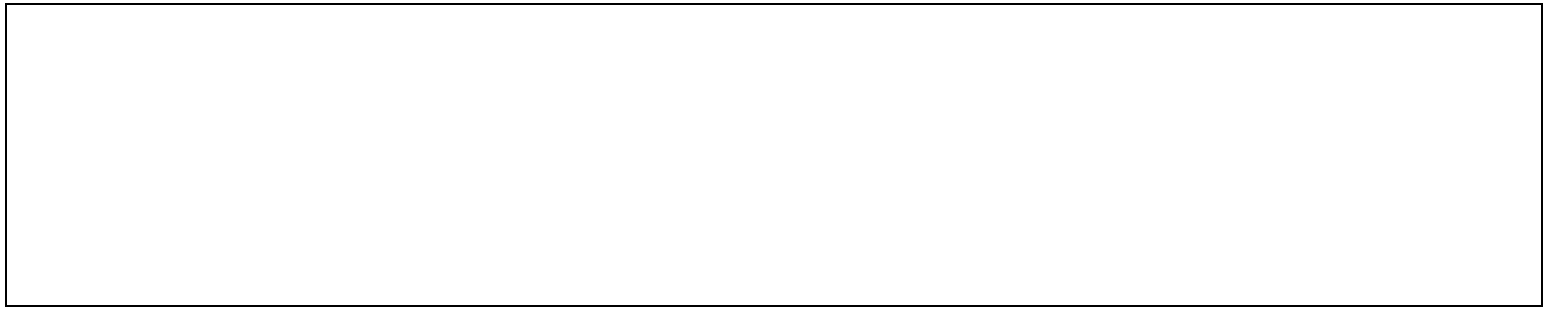
ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: 1

Youth was not too interested in speaking with me. Would rather get back to cleaning up the kitchen. He is generally satisfied with program and staff.

The building of beehives was very interesting and informative. “Not everyone gets to learn about bees and how important to our lives.”

Inspection Summary



Gayle Ballinger Next Inspection Recommended: _____ or _____ Annual Inspection
Inspection Commissioner

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
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