

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Wright House
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Contact Person	Bethany Bilyeu

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Gayle Ballinger
Date of Inspection	8/6/14
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		Sterile, clean, onsite with VTC office.
Building Exterior		x		Clean
Living Room		x		This house has a lived in look. Unlike Lane House and Irwin House, which are immaculate, this house is more rustic. Stained carpet.
Kitchen		x		Residents and staff had been baking individual berry cobblers. The kitchen had not fully been wiped down. The refrigerator and freezer were fully stocked.
Bedrooms		x		Clean with a lived in look. Legos strewn on the floor.
Bathrooms		x		Wastebaskets needed to be emptied, light had blown out that morning.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		x		Up to date.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		x		Ok.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x		Posted.
Food		x		Good variety. Plenty of food in pantry and garage as well.
Emergency Supplies		x		Stored in garage.
Health Services		x		Doctor and dental appointments up to date.
Medications		x		Locked and logged.

Recreation (on site)		x		Basketball hoop outside, some rode bikes. 30 minutes at least per day.
Outings (off site)		x		There are many outings and activities planned.
Education & Classrooms		x		North Valley
Mail/Phone		x		Mail and phone calls allowed.
Discipline		x		Rarely use restraints.
Library		x		Books available in the house.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Upon arrival I interrupted the staff and residents playing board games. They had just made berry cobbler. They had picked the berries on an outing. I was given a tour by a resident while the staff continued to play with the residents.

The bathroom light switch did not work due to a blown bulb that had happened that morning. The wastebaskets were overflowing. The resident picked up the paper towels and tissues. The bedrooms were clean, Legos strewn about one of the boy's bedrooms.

The house was not as sterile as Lane House and Irwin House the emphasis was more about interacting with the residents, moving from one board game to another. Letting the cobblers cool down. One of the staff pointed out the amount of dirt on the dining room floor as they looked to see whose shoes had tracked in the dirt clods. One of the players had tracked in mud, a pile of dirt was found under his chair.

While talking to a resident he reached between the cushions and found a wad of gum. He reported to staff and they discussed how it should be removed.

Overall the house appeared as a normal home. Things needed to be done, at the moment playing with the residents was more important.

Youth Interviews

TOPICS	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program		X		Felt the program was appropriate. He liked it.
Program Understood		X		Felt the program was tailored to his needs and issues.
Levels (Privileges)		X		Levels are not really used here. Loss of privileges is common.

Grievances		X		There is a method to address grievances.
Discipline		X		Warnings, promptings, finally grounding. Rarely restrained.
Staff Evaluation	x			They are great
Health Services		X		Medical and dental issues are taken care of.
Counseling/Therapy		X		Therapist comes to the house as needed.
Chores & Allowance		X		Chores are posted on the white board. Allowance is \$10.50 per week. If someone is grounded he loses \$1 for every day he is grounded.
Laundry		X		Everyone does their own.
Clothes		X		There is money in his account. He will be buying clothes before school begins.
Food		X		The food is great.
Snacks		X		Snacks are available after school and before bedtime.
School		X		ok
Library		X		Books are available.
Activities & Entertainment				They go outside to play basketball. There are outings and opportunities for exploration available.
Money				\$10.50 per week. May lose \$1 per day if resident is grounded.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: __1__

Teen did meet with me but was distracted because of board games and cobbles. Preferred to rejoin peers. Answered my questions above as briefly as possible.

Inspection Summary

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Gayle Ballinger

Inspection Commissioner

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

Mary Cone, Chairperson

cc: Honorable Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court
Commissioner of the Juvenile Court
Probation Department, Chief of Probation
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