

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Facility Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Greenacre Homes
Address:	On file.
Phone	On file.
Contact Person	Timothy Dimick

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Wendy Evans
Date of Inspection	February 18, 2013
Date of Last Inspection	December 20, 2011
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	8/26/13

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

INSPECTED	S	N.I.	
Grounds	S		Excellent
Building Exterior	S		
Living Room	S		
Kitchen	S		Breakfast and some dinners prepared in each home
Bedrooms	S		
Bathrooms	S		
Fire Safety -Extinguishers -Smoke Alarms -Evac. Plan?	S		Current, evac. Posted, fire alarm hard wired
Food	S		
Health Services	S		
Medications	S		
Recreation (on site)	S		Each boy has a bike
Outings (off site)	S		
Education/ Classrooms	S		Rarely a HS diploma, approx. 2 kids/yr work towards Certificate of Completion and the majority enter SCOE vocational programs before completing senior year.
Mail/Phone	S		
INSPECTED	S	N.I.	Comments
Family Contact	S		Transport for long distance family visit a minimum of 5 times a year
Discipline	S		Opportunity Room – Reward/consequences – Levels/Monopoly

Library	S		

ADDITIONAL NOTES

[SEE ATTACHED]

Youth Interviews

TOPICS	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program	S		
Counseling/ Therapy	S		
Physical Education	S		
Health Services	S		

Inspection Summary
The residents are in a secure and structured environment and are being given specialized services by an experienced and caring staff. All the homes had a warm, relaxed feeling and the boys seemed content and secure.

Next Inspection Recommended: Feb. 2014 or X Annual Inspection

Wendy Evans, Commissioner

Hank Mattimore, Chairperson

Additional Notes:

Greenacre homes is a level 10 long-term residential care facility for boys aged 8-19 years who are diagnosed as developmentally delayed and severely emotionally disturbed. The facility offers a therapeutic setting with an emphasis on behavior modification, independent living skills, socialization training and individual and group therapy. Greenacre has five homes, housing a total of 32 boys: Eddie - a nine-bed house, Occidental, Green Meadow and Hurlbut - six-bed houses, and Joyce – a seven bed house. There is currently 1 vacancy. Three houses are located in rural areas with the Eddie house near Analy High School and the Green Meadow house is in a neighborhood.

There is a school with several separate classrooms at Atkinson and a transition school for the older boys at the Eddie site. The school at Atkinson also has 55 day students who attend as students in the Vocational Training School (VTS). This program has expanded significantly this last year and is in high demand. The training includes areas such as gardening/landscaping, barrista work, carpentry, drum building and work in some community and retail stores.

Greenacre Homes has been operating for over 35 years and the Deputy Director, Timothy Dimick has been with the agency for 20+ years. There are many staff with long tenure at Greenacre Homes. As always, Tim was welcoming and very informative. The property continues to have upgrades and is looking very good. A playground was put in for younger students at the school site and the other play areas were improved and expanded.

There are many programs for the residents such as Healthy Choices, Independent Living Skills (at the SRJC), a Moving On group and Special Olympics as well as other sports teams. AB12 provisions for youth aging out of the foster care system, are being followed.

The facility has successfully implemented the Reintegration and Safety Program. The **need to use Opportunity rooms and restraints has fallen 30% in the last 2 years since introduction of this program.** The goal is to move solely from consequences or privileges being earned by the boys to also experiencing natural responses to their behaviors. This provides a way to reintegrate the boys into the community. Each boy has his own Individualized Behavior Plan, which includes personal goals for each youth. It is not a one size fits all approach.

Some youth who have successfully left Greenacre and continue to do well are invited to come back for dinner once a week if they wish.

Eddie House

Nine residents 17-19 years old. Attractive older home with offices attached in a quiet neighborhood with a small garden area. A large kitchen used to prepare some of the meals for the other houses. This house is for older teens with emphasis placed on vocational education. There is a schoolroom on the property. The residents attend the school on site and also take classes at the adjacent Analy High School (gym – Vocational Ed). There is no “opportunity room” on this site. Staff help residents to interact with the community and independent activities are encouraged with the goal of independence and emancipation.

Hurlbut House

A six bed residence for boys 8-14 years of age. This is a very home-like, comfortable house with toys, games and books suitable for this age. It is very clean, neat and well organized. Decorated and furnished in an appropriate manner for this age group. These younger boys are not as involved in the ILS activities and the staff provides more of a parenting role.

Joyce House

A two-story house adjacent to Hurlbut for 7 boys ages 13-15. The outdoor swimming pool has been filled in. There has been some remodeling of the upper floor where the bedrooms, kitchen and living area are located. House tidy and clean.

Green Meadow House

Six bed housing 6 boys ages 12-17. This two-story house is in a neighborhood, so the boys placed here are not the most behaviorally challenged. There are 4 singles and 1 double, with the upstairs bedrooms closed and off limits to residents.

Occidental House

Six bed house for 14-18 year olds. The residents here used to be housed at the Atkinson House. It's a nice ranch style house which is light, clean and comfortable. Food is prepared in the kitchen and residents share rooms.