

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

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| Facility Name: | Crossroads Sierra Girls Center |
| Address: | On File |
| Phone | (707) 591-1394 |
| Contact Person | Laurel Anderson |

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| J.J.C. Inspector(s) | Gina Crozier |
| Date of Inspection | 10/26/2015 |
| Date of Last Inspection | 1/3/2015 |
| C.C.L. Contact | Pauline Muntzer |
| Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection | 2/2/15 |

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

Action

| INSPECTED | O | S | N.I. | Comments |
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| Grounds | X | | | Beautiful setting with grounds more groomed than last time we inspected |
| Building Exterior | | X | | |
| Living Room | | X | | Redecorated with new paintings and furniture. Decorations for the holiday. |
| Kitchen | | X | | Well organized and very clean. |
| Bedrooms | | X | | All bedrooms were neat and welcoming. Girls have own decorations and bedspreads. |
| Bathrooms | | X | | Neat and orderly |
| Fire Safety --Extinguishers | | X | | Checked in March Inspection |
| Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms | | X | | Checked in March Inspection |
| Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan | | X | | Checked in March Inspection |
| Food | | X | | Lots of healthy food of different types. Posted menus |
| Emergency Supplies | | X | | |
| Health Services | | X | | Same services as before. |
| Medications | | X | | Locked |
| Recreation (on site) | | X | | Girls playing badminton, horseshoes. Afterschool programs with much variety, including art, culinary, gardening, career opportunities. |

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| Outings (off site) | | X | | Multiple opportunities for the girls in a variety of experiences, both locally and in the bay area. The girls seem very happy with the choices |
| Education & Classrooms | | X | | Three different schools for the girls. Pivot charter, Abraxis (part of R House) and Amorosa school in southwest Santa Rosa. |
| Mail/Phone | | X | | Girls have opportunity to speak to parents nightly if they are not on discipline, which is the same as before. |
| Discipline | | X | | Same as before with graduated levels of color and increasing opportunities for self-guidance. |
| Library | | X | | Same well stocked shelves |
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ADDITIONAL NOTES

There are presently three girls living at Sierra. There is space for twelve girls, and Sierra would like to have at least six. All the counselors are receiving new training with two programs;” Love & Logic,” and “Motivational Interviewing.” The entire group, including the girls are using “Think for a Change” and ART or “Aggression Replacement Therapy.” The director now has a facilities manager that has given her much more direct control of the environment as well as time with the girls. She is very popular with all the girls. She seems forward thinking and is always looking for ways to improve as well as help Sierra to grow.

Youth Interviews

| TOPICS | O | S | N.I. | Comments |
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| Evaluation of Program | | X | | |
| Program Understood | | X | | |
| Levels (Privileges) | | X | | |
| Grievances | | X | | |
| Discipline | | X | | |

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| Staff Evaluation | | X | | Girls like some of the staff more than others. They appreciate being told directly when they have made a mistake or are losing a privilege. They admitted that often they cannot control their anger at hearing their mistake and realized that is why they are not reprimanded immediately. They will find out what they did wrong later on. |
| Health Services | | X | | |
| Counseling/Therapy | | X | | The girls really like their therapist |
| Chores & Allowance | | X | | |
| Laundry | | X | | |
| Clothes | | X | | They seem happy with the clothes they receive. |
| Food | | X | | One girl wanted more ethnic food, but admitted she missed her mother's cooking and it might not be as good. |
| Snacks | | X | | |
| School | | X | | The girl at Pivot really likes it, girl at Abraxis does not. I did not speak with the girl at Amarosa, but heard she is doing well. |
| Library | | X | | |
| Activities & Entertainment | | X | | The girls really enjoy the activities and the outings. They remarked on how much fun and how they look forward to going. |
| Money | | | | |

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: 2

The girls appreciate the setting of the home and the opportunities to improve themselves. They said they miss their families, but are glad to be at Sierra. They commented that they wanted to move up to a more privileged position so they could go home for a weekend. They both mentioned that they wish they would know right away when they were doing something that was going to be a demerit. However, with an unusual amount of self-awareness, they both told me the reasons they had trouble hearing their mistakes. The girls were also very aware of the problems with being at home as opposed to living at Sierra. I was impressed with their insight and mentioned that it was unusual to have young teenagers be so self-aware. They said they learned this at Sierra.

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Inspection Summary

There was definitely a positive feeling this time at Sierra. All of the girls placed at Sierra are presently from out of county. The director is very enthusiastic about the alternative placement Sierra can provide for those girls who themselves are motivated to make a positive change in their lives.

___ **Gina Crozier** _____
___ **Annual Inspection**
Inspection Commissioner

Next Inspection Recommended: ___ **9 months** _____ **or**

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
State of California, Community Care Licensing
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