

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Greenacre Homes Inc. – Occidental
Address:	On File
Phone	On File
Contact Person	Timothy Dimick

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Cathy Brooks, Richard Miller
Date of Inspection	December 14, 2017
Date of Last Inspection	November 10, 2017
C.C.L. Contact	Megan Mullen
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	January 26, 2017

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

Action

INSPECTION	O	S	N.I.	Comments (required if "N.I." is checked)
Grounds		X		The grounds are well maintained. The property shares a fence with a property housing a horse that seems to enjoy the attention of the boys.
Building Exterior		X		The exterior of the house is well-maintained. There is a front porch, trees and a bike trail.
Living Room	X			The living room was decorated for Christmas. There was a nice sound system playing as one of the boys was practicing his singing. The furniture was in good repair.
Kitchen	X			The kitchen was very clean. The boys are not allowed in the kitchen unless supervised because it is not completely visible from the other parts of the house. Knives and vanilla were locked up.
Bedrooms		X		Each boy has an armoire or chest of drawers in which to store his clothes. Each also has a desk. There was enough space and light.
Bathrooms		X		Bathrooms were clean and in good repair.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		X		All extinguishers were up to date. There is a hardwired lighting system in place in case of emergencies.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		X		Smoke alarms, CO2 alarms and fire alarms are in each room.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		X		Evacuation plans were posted. There are monthly fire drills.
Food		X		There is plenty of fresh food in the home. The boys are allowed and encourage to help cook.
Emergency Supplies		X		A labeled locked cupboard holds emergency food. There were adequate emergency supplies in addition to food.

Health Services		X		The boys see a doctor annually, plus as needed. Dental visits are twice a year.
Medications		X		All medication is kept locked. Records are up to date.
Recreation (on site)		X		There is plenty of open space around the house. The boys also have bikes.
Outings (off site)		X		The boys go shopping, attend community events, and go to the movies. They are often out in the community at the skate park or in a park. They sometimes attend A's or Giants baseball games, go to Cal Academy of Sciences, or to the coast.
Education & Classrooms		X		Four of the boys attend Greenacre School. One goes to El Molino High School. One is in the Greenacre School Vocational Training School program where he gains skills working, for example at Andy's Market. He gets paid for his work.
Mail/Phone		X		The boys have phone privileges.
Discipline		X		The boys are placed individually on a level, based on their behavior. They can earn a promotion by following safety rules and showing responsibility. Currently the boys are on levels one and two (of a four-level system). Usually the average is level three.
Library		X		There is a variety of books available.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The staff work hard to show the youth that honesty is best.

YOUTH INTERVIEWS

TOPICS				
Evaluation of Program		X		The boys seemed satisfied with their placement.
Program Understood		X		They understood the system.
Levels (Privileges)		X		See above
Grievances		X		None stated.
Discipline		X		See below
Staff Evaluation		X		They liked the staff.
Health Services		X		See above
Counseling/Therapy		X		See above
Chores & Allowance		X		The boys earn money each week based on their behavior and chore completion. They are expected to have \$20 in savings for emergencies.
Laundry		X		The boys do their own laundry.
Clothes		X		They have plenty of clothes.
Food		X		There is plenty of good food.
Snacks		X		Fruit is the usual snack.
School		X		See above
Library		X		There are plenty of books available.

Activities & Entertainment		X		The boys get out in the community regularly going shopping, to movies and to community events.
Money		X		They can spend their allowance money, as long as they have \$20 in savings.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: 2

One boy was very interested in singing. He seemed very comfortable practicing in the living room with the stereo in front of us and other house members.

Inspection Summary

One resident was experiencing increased anxiety and staff were noted to provide extra attention and supervision. The staff treated the boys with respect and support. The staff on duty when we visited had been with Greenacres for almost 20 years. He was very experienced.

Next Inspection Recommended: _____ or X Annual Inspection

Cathy Brooks, Inspection Commissioner

Richard Miller, Inspection Commissioner

Mary Cone, Chair/Report Review

cc: Honorable Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court
Commissioner of the Juvenile Court
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