

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Greenacre Homes Inc – Green Meadow
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, 2016
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. There is a very large back yard with plenty of space to roam and play.
Building Exterior		X		The building exterior is in good condition. There is an exterior fire escape ladder from the second story.
Living Room		X		The living room was decorated for Christmas with a tree. The furniture was in good repair. There’s an open feel to the area.
Kitchen	X			The kitchen was very clean. There were plenty of dishes and cookware. Knives and vanilla were kept locked.
Bedrooms		X		Each bedroom had a dresser or armoire for the children’s clothes. Each child also has a desk. There is enough light.
Bathrooms		X		The bathrooms were clean. Toilets and sinks all worked. One shower was in the process of being repaired and the work was completed on December 15, 2017.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		X		There is emergency hard-wired lighting. All fire extinguishers were up to date.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		X		Each room has a smoke and CO2 detector. There are fire alarms in the house.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		X		Evacuation plans are posted, and drills are held monthly.
Food		X		There is plenty of fresh food, with fruit easily accessible for snacking.
Emergency Supplies		X		There is an emergency supply of food, kept locked and labeled to be used as needed. There are also other emergency supplies, and more are available from the main house on Eddie Lane.

Health Services		X		Children see the doctor annually, plus as needed. Dentist visits are scheduled every 6 months.
Medications		X		Medications are kept locked, and the records are up to date.
Recreation (on site)		X		The children have a very large yard to play in. They have bikes and balls. There are lots of games also.
Outings (off site)		X		The boys go to the movies, the park and to the card store. They also go on bike rides. One boy in particular loves to fish. As a reward for his good behavior, the boys go fishing as often as possible. Last winter they went on a snow trip that included a snow hike.
Education & Classrooms		X		Most of the children attend the Greenacre School.
Mail/Phone		X		Children have access to the phone.
Discipline		X		The house runs on a "level" system. The boys earn points each week, giving them opportunity to move up a level and have more independence and rewards.
Library		X		There were plenty of appropriate books available.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

This home is very roomy. The common living space is quite large, with good natural light.

YOUTH INTERVIEWS

TOPICS				
Evaluation of Program	X			They boy I (Commissioner Brooks) chatted with was very content with living at Greenacre Green Meadow. When I asked if there was anything he would change re replied, "My behavior!"
Program Understood		X		He understood the program
Levels (Privileges)		X		He understood how to change levels.
Grievances	X			He had no complaints
Discipline		X		Above
Staff Evaluation		X		He seemed very comfortable with the staff, asking for help preparing to take his shower.
Health Services		X		Above
Counseling/Therapy		X		The boys have weekly private and group counseling.
Chores & Allowance		X		The boys have chores assigned weekly, on a rotating basis. The allowance is based on their behavior and chore completion.
Laundry		X		The boys do their own laundry, with help as needed.
Clothes		X		They have plenty of clothes.
Food		X		Above
Snacks		X		Above

School		X		Above
Library		X		Above
Activities & Entertainment		X		The boys earn TV/video game time. They rotate who gets to choose the programs each day.
Money		X		The boys earn a weekly allowance, usually about \$6 or \$8. They can spend it as they wish.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: ___ 1 ___

Inspection Summary

This home is clean and well-organized. The rapport between the one boy at home during our visit and the staff was comfortable. They boy asked for help as needed, and the staff treated him respectfully.

When I called the house a few weeks later, two boys were arguing. The staff calmly asked them to go to their rooms for a few minutes while he finished up his phone call. He repeated the request three or four times, until they apparently did as he asked. He remained calm throughout, never raising his voice.

Many of the staff at the Greenacre homes have been there for ten or twenty years.

Next Inspection Recommended: _____ or X Annual Inspection

Cathy Brooks, Inspection Commissioner

Richard Miller, Inspection Commissioner

Mary Cone, Chair/Report Review

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