

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Plumfield Farm
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J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Mary Cone
Date of Inspection	April 2, 2014
Date of Last Inspection	February 21, 2013
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	October 14, 2013

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

INSPECTED	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds	X		Rural location, huge grass area in back, garden, play areas
Building Exterior	X		Well kept up
Living Room	X		Very homey and inviting with leather sofas, coffee table, tv, appropriate videos
Kitchen	X		Clean and well stocked with food and spices. Real cooking goes on here.
Bedrooms	X		Very clean and neat
Bathrooms	X		Very clean
Fire Safety -Extinguishers -Smoke Alarms -Evac. Plan ?	X		Extinguishers up to date, smoke alarms in working order, evacuation plan on wall.
Food	X		Healthy food in freezer, cupboards, and fruit on counter
Health Services	X		Kids taken to doctor or dentist when needed, one was at doctor during my visit
Medications	X		Up to the minute, in order
Recreation (on site)	X		Basketball, Frisbee, any games that can be played outside on a huge field
Outings (off site)	X		Scandia, rock climbing, park, movies, beach, special events, roller-skating, biking, hiking.
Education/ Classrooms	X		Plumfield Academy – great school

Mail/Phone	X		As appropriate
INSPECTED	S	N.I.	Comments
Family Contact	X		As appropriate
Discipline	X		Work with levels which everyone understands and buys into
Library	X		Copious amount of books, videos, dvds – all appropriate to age of residents

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The staff in this home are right on top of everything. They have schedules and the boys are aware of what is going on at all times, which makes them feel secure. They are getting ready to plant an herb garden.

The staff has meetings daily, after school, so they know how the children did in school that day.

The behavior management model is very effective. While I was there one of the boys was waving a small stick around and staff spoke with him about it. He was very open to talking about why that might not be a good idea.

This interaction speaks to the quality of the staff and the responsiveness of the child, not to mention the learning.

There is really healthy food in this home. There were beautiful strawberries and organic carrots in the refrigerator, and delicious looking wheat bread in the freezer.

The menu was impressive, as well. One dinner was sautéed chicken, sautéed kale with onion and garlic and zucchini, with quinoa.

One snack was hummus, crackers and cucumber.

One breakfast was homemade banana bread, apple slices with peanut butter, juice and milk.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH			
# of Youth Interviewed: 3			
“I like it a lot. It’s calming and nice. We have really good food and it’s like a family.”			
“Now that I am at Plumfield, I am catching up at school. I’m quite a big reader.”			
“The rules are fair and I know them. I know they have my best interest at heart.”			
The boys in this home are like a family and they appear to treat each other and the staff that way. I was impressed			
with the interaction between the boys and the boys and the staff.			
Inspection Summary			
This home, as all the Plumfield homes, is a stellar group home. I have had many residents tell me how thankful they are to be able to live at Plumfield. They are learning how to live a responsible life and treat others with respect. At times I marvel at how much better off these boys are than most “normal” families because of what they are being taught and how they are learning to look at their behavior in relation to others and the world.			

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

Mary Cone, Inspection Commissioner

Susan Moreno, Vice Chairperson

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