

## Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Facility Inspection Report

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| Facility Name: | R House -- Speers House                  |
| Address:       | On file.                                 |
| Phone          | On file.                                 |
| Contact Person | Sabrina Coyle-Johnson, Clinical Director |

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| J.J.C. Inspector(s)            | Laura Rosenthal  |
| Date of Inspection             | July 18, 2013  |
| Date of Last Inspection        | December 29, 2011 and August 21, 2011 (youth interviews) |
| C.C.L. Contact                 | Pauline Muntzer  |
| Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection | 10/9/2013  |

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

| INSPECTED   | S | N.I. | Comments  |
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| Grounds   | S |      | Grounds were clean and well-tended  |
| Building Exterior   | S |      | Clean, well-kept.   |
| Living Room   | S |      | Clean, appropriate reading material on bookshelves.   |
| Kitchen   | S |      | Clean, sharps, knives locked up. Kids were making snacks in dorm, cleaning up after themselves.   |
| Bedrooms  | S |      | Bedrooms are all clean in both main house and dorm. Some bedrooms are under construction. No graffiti seen and no inappropriate posters or books in rooms.  |
| Bathrooms   | S |      | Two bathrooms in main facility; one is getting new paint and was not in use at time of inspection. Useable bathroom was clean. Bathroom getting paint would be back in use the following day, only down for a day. Dorm bathroom looked clean; a resident was sick and I wasn't able to enter all the way in to inspect. The entire dorm was very clean and organized, however. |
| Fire Safety<br>-Extinguishers<br>-Smoke Alarms<br>-Evac. Plan ? | S |      | Fire Extinguishers current on inspections<br>Smoke alarms working and evacuation plans posted clearly   |
| Food  | S |      | Healthy snacks, appropriate dairy and vegetables and fruit available. Prepared food is labeled with dates. Fruit is always out and available for boys as snack.   |
| Health Services   | S |      | Provided as needed.   |
| Medications   | S |      | Locked up in office, records up to date. Meds are triple locked.  |
| Recreation (on site)  | S |      | Basketball court and kids playing outside between group meetings. Movies and books on site. Xbox in dorm.   |
| Outings   | S |      | Boys have off-site activities during week and on weekend including bowling,   |

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| (off site)               |          |             | movies, going to Driven Raceway, zoo, hiking.  |
| Education/<br>Classrooms | S        |             | During summer time no school but attend group meetings and therapy.  |
| Mail/Phone               | S        |             | Residents can receive and send mail and can make phone calls or receive them at least once a week.                                 |
| <b>INSPECTED</b>         | <b>S</b> | <b>N.I.</b> | <b>Comments</b>  |
| Family Contact           | S        |             | See interview notes below. Adequate family contact.  |
| Discipline               | S        |             | Adequate procedures in place. Boys work through contracts that they create themselves towards rehabilitation to obtain privileges. |
| Library                  | S        |             | School library. Fiction books in the living room, appropriate reading materials and level.   |
| Dorm 1                   | S        |             | Clean, well-kept. Recreation area, group therapy area, and kitchen are all clean and organized.                                    |
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**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

1. In main facility capacity for 12 people, at present there are 2 unoccupied rooms out of 7. Twelve people reside in main facility. There are a total of 20 kids for 26 capacity facility overall.
2. 'R House has undergone a major restructuring in management and direction. All management and counselors are on site and available to the kids. Both management and kids find this a positive change.
3. The transition house and coffee house are closed. Instead, there is a vocational counselor available to provide one on one counseling for residents who are ready to transition to a job.
4. There were boys in the kitchen making snacks when I arrived, all were very friendly and appeared to be relaxed and in good spirits. Seemed to be a positive atmosphere, including the staff.
5. Sabrina invited juvenile court judges to visit at any time, even to drop in. She said if they wanted her to be there to show them around, they could call her first to set a time.

## Youth Interviews

| TOPICS                     | S | N.I. | Comments   |
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| Evaluation of Program      | S |      | Has been in and out of juvenile hall for short sentences for several years. Thinks that this program is the best thing for him versus going in and out of juvenile hall. Would much rather be here than juvenile hall. |
| Counseling/ Therapy        | S |      | The counseling and therapy has helped him understand that he cannot be a success if he continues substance abuse. Says this is a good track for him and he is very positive.   |
| Physical Education         | S |      | Plays basketball or football every day. Goes to the gym daily.   |
| Health Services            | S |      | No problems.   |
| School                     | S |      | Summer, so no school.  |
| Food                       | S |      | Some days doesn't like what is on the menu but it's like school lunch. Some days are better than others.   |
| Snacks                     | S |      | No complaints.   |
| Library                    |   |      | N/A  |
| Chores                     | S |      | Doesn't mind the chores, gets them done quickly. Says they are pretty easy and he doesn't mind doing them.   |
| Money                      | S |      | No complaints.   |
| Mail / Phone               | S |      | Talks to his Mom frequently. She has come to see him on Sundays.   |
| Levels (privileges)        | S |      | Has been on a BIC but is back on track. Keeping up with his contracts and plans to finish and get out on time.   |
| Laundry                    | S |      | Laundry is locked up. Staff does laundry. He has his bedding washed once a week.   |
| Grievances                 | S |      | None.  |
| Activities & Entertainment | S |      | Likes hanging out in the main living room and playing Xbox. Likes the weekly outings, especially going to Driven Raceway, the zoo.   |
| Program Length Understood  | S |      | Understands the length of his program and time   |
| Staff evaluation           | S |      | Gets along with staff. Likes others in the program as well.  |
| Discipline                 | S |      | No complaints, working on his contracts. Thinks that the bedtime is too early (9 p.m.)   |
| Allowance                  | S |      | He is okay with his current status.  |
| Clothes                    | S |      | No complaints.   |
| Medications                | S |      | Takes medication, no complaints.   |
| Drugs/Alcohol              | S |      | Says he wants to work hard to stay away from drugs and alcohol now that he is working on his contracts in therapy.   |

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| Probation officer | S |  | He is from Mendocino County, his P.O. checks on him and comes to see him regularly. No issues. |
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| <b>Youth Interviews</b> |  |  |  |
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| <b>TOPICS</b> |  |  |  |
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| Evaluation of Program | S |  | Is in Phase 2 of the program, done in September. Thinks it is okay but there are “too many groups.” Never any time to himself. |
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| Counseling/ Therapy | S |  | It’s okay but would like “more time to chill.” |
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| Physical Education | S |  | Gym, football, and basketball. |
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| Health Services | S |  | No problems. |
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| School | S |  | Summer, so no school. |
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| Food | S |  | First said he would like more food, then said that he doesn’t like a lot of the food that is served and he would like different food. |
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| Snacks | S |  | Would like different, “better” snacks. |
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| Library |  |  | N/A |
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| Chores | S |  | Chores are okay, doesn’t mind doing them. |
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| Money | S |  | No complaints. |
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| Mail / Phone | S |  | Talks to family in Oakland. Visits with family. Just had a home pass to visit his family. |
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| Levels (privileges) | S |  | On track to get done on time. No issues. |
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| Laundry | S |  | Laundry is locked up. Staff does laundry. He has his bedding washed once a week. |
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| Grievances | S |  | None. |
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| Activities & Entertainment | S |  | Likes the activities like zipline, Driven Raceway but lately they haven’t been doing stuff like that as much and it’s more hiking and fishing type stuff. |
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| Program Length Understood | S |  | Understands the length of his program and time |
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| Staff evaluation | S |  | Likes some staff and doesn’t like others. Says some are too strict. |
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| Discipline | S |  | Sometimes too strict. Doesn’t like that he can’t hang out with the kids from the other droms. |
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| Allowance | S |  | He is okay with his current status. |
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| Clothes           | S |  | No complaints.   |
| Medications       | S |  | N/A  |
| Drugs/Alcohol     | S |  | N/A  |
| Probation officer | S |  | P.O. is from Contra Costa County, has visited him twice. |
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**ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH**

# of Youth Interviewed:     \_\_2\_\_

Ages of youth interviewed:   N/A

Length of time at this facility: 1) \_3 months\_\_\_ 2) \_4 months\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Inspection Recommended:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or**   X   **Annual Inspection**

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Laura Rosenthal, Commissioner

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Hank Mattimore, Chairperson

cc: Honorable Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court  
Commissioner of the Juvenile Court  
Probation Department, Chief of Probation  
Department of Social Services  
State of California, Community Care Licensing  
Juvenile Probation Director  
Facility Inspected