

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	R House
Address:	152 Middle Rincon Road (Winding Creek House) Santa Rosa, CA
Phone	707-539-2898
Contact Person	Sabrina Coyle-Johnson.. / Jessica Shepard (Team Leader)

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Michael Charpiot, Hank Mattimore
Date of Inspection	09/25/14
Date of Last Inspection	
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	

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

Action

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds		x		Clean. Well Maintained.
Building Exterior		x		The building exterior was acceptable
Living Room		x		There were several chairs and couches for the residents.
Kitchen		x		The kitchen was clean. Knives were locked up.
Bedrooms		x		One area of concern was noted. There was a "XIV" carved into one of the resident's dressers. This is common gang symbol. Jessica said the maintenance person would correct this situation.
Bathrooms		x		Clean and functional.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		x		Fire Extinguishers have been checked and inspected and certifications are all up to date.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		x		Smoke alarms, emergency lights, and lighted exit signs were all in place and seemed new.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x		Clearly posted
Food		x		Fruit was available at all times. Food for meals is provided by the Santa Rosa City Schools districts Nutritional Services department.
Emergency Supplies		x		Emergency supplies were present.
Health Services		x		Immediate first aid is available. Local area agencies provide more urgent care.
Medications		x		Locked and distributed by staff.

Recreation (on site)				Games and books were provided at this home. Foosball and basketball were available to the residents at this home. A sand volleyball court was also present although it did not seem to be used very often.
Outings (off site)				Residents were taken to the movies, shopping trips, and ceramics classes. They also occasionally go to restaurants with family members.
Education & Classrooms				Some concern was expressed by the residents that they were covering material that they had already learned in school. Not moving forward.
Mail/Phone				Staff members monitor residents when they use the phone.
Discipline				A progressive discipline plan was in place. There were incentives in place for positive behavior.
Library				Although this library was larger than Middle Rincon's, many of the books in the library did not seem that they would be very interesting to teenaged girls.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Youth Interviews

TOPICS	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program		x		Residents understood the program. They spent much of their times in different groups aimed at helping them in various aspects of their lives.
Program Understood		x		The residents understood the program.
Levels (Privileges)		x		Very clear and posted. Residents expressed some concerns about contracts losing some of their meaning with unattainable goals.
Grievances		x		There was a hotline for residents to call. There was not a Juvenile Justice Commission placard with phone number in this facility.
Discipline		x		
Staff Evaluation		x		Residents felt that the "Back side" staff was good. They felt the "Front side" staff was not as good. One of the residents expressed the idea that the "Back side" staff was more like mothers to the residents.
Health Services		x		See above.
Counseling/Therapy		x		Both residents expressed their happiness with their counselors. One wished she could spend more time with her counselor. There are three in house therapists with a staff member as a backup. There is a contracted psychologist who comes in on Tuesdays. Students attend AA meetings. It can be difficult for them. Many of the other group members are much older than them.
Chores & Allowance		x		Allowance is 14 dollars per week. Chores are manageable.

Laundry		x		Staff does resident's laundry.
Clothes		x		Residents have some clothes from home but also purchase new clothes when needed on shopping trips. If a resident does not have enough clothes from home and extra allowance is allotted to provide them.
Food		x		Contracted with Santa Rosa City Schools. Both residents thought the pizza that they had twice a week was too fattening. They also expressed a desire for more greens in their meals.
Snacks		x		Milk and fruit are the most common snacks.
School		x		The residents expressed some concerns that they might have to retake classes upon their return to a comprehensive high school. One resident also felt that the teacher called on the same students all of the time. They would like to have a bigger classroom.
Library		x		Need better books
Activities & Entertainment		x		The current activities are acceptable. The residents would like to be able to take walks. They would also like to spend more time at the gym.
Money		x		A weekly allowance is provided. The resident's would like it to be higher.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: 2

- Residents would like to have exercise equipment in the home.

- Residents would like to occasionally have lunch with the boy residents.

- Residents would like to be able to take walks

- Residents The two girls interviewed were very open. They both expressed a desire for a little more slack in their daily schedule. "We don't have any time for ourselves." "We are over-structured."

- Residents also wanted some time for physical workouts. One girl said that "We used to go to the "Y" but don't do it any longer."

Inspection Summary

R-house provides a safe and appropriate environment for girls with substance abuse issues. While some improvements could be made, please see above suggestions, overall the facility and its staffing and programs are satisfactory.

Michael Charpiot _____

Next Inspection Recommended: _____ or x Annual

Inspection

Inspection Commissioner

Mary Cone, Chairperson

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