

## Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Victor Treatment Center – Country Club
Address:	On File
Phone	On File
Contact Person	Kristine Aphugh

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Gayle Ballinger
<b>Date of Inspection</b>	12/19/17
Date of Last Inspection	11/16/16
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	July 2016

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

### *Action*

<b>INSPECTION</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>N.I.</b>	<b>Comments (required if “N.I.” is checked)</b>
Grounds		x		Well maintained. Blue solar lights outlined pathways on the lawn including railroad tracks.
Building Exterior		x		Building maintained well.
Living Room		x		The house was decorated in the theme of the Polar Express. Living room was beautiful
Kitchen		x		Decorated kitchen as well
Bedrooms		x		Bedrooms are all clean and well maintained.
Bathrooms		x		Clean.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		x		Extinguisher up to date as of May 2017
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		x		Many smoke detectors.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x		Evacuation plan posted.
Food		x		Refrigerator and freezer both full
Emergency Supplies		x		All supplies in bins in the garage
Health Services		x		All appointments up to date.
Medications		x		All medications locked and logged.
Recreation (on site)		x		30 minutes per day. Pool is on site.
Outings				On-going planning is underway for more ideas.

(off site)				
Education & Classrooms		x		I did not visit classrooms or North Valley
Mail/Phone		x		Private phone conversations are respected. Mail is delivered when it arrives.
Discipline		x		There are consequences such as losing allowance or being grounded but the preferred way to handle it is to get in front of it by reminding them of the tools they have, directing to another task, proactive methods.
Library		x		At the school.

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

When I arrived only one girl was there. The others were off with one of their personal support counselors. The girl who was there was working in the kitchen with staff making pizzas for dinner. This house is always decorated beautifully. Maggie and the staff give it a very homey feel.

### YOUTH INTERVIEWS

TOPICS				
Evaluation of Program		x		She is very happy with the program and sees that it will benefit her in the future.
Program Understood		x		She understands her plan. She was nervous about where she will go when she leaves VTC but feels by having so much support and her Child & Family Team meetings she can have input and understand she won't be thrown out.
Levels (Privileges)		x		The better your behavior the more privileges you get. It makes sense.
Grievances		x		She feels she does not need to go beyond the staff for help.
Discipline		x		She understands the policy.
Staff Evaluation		x		Loves the staff and appreciates all they are doing for her.
Health Services		x		Her medical and dental are current.
Counseling/Therapy		x		She receives therapy from her clinician once a week.
Chores & Allowance		x		The chores will help in the long run so she will know how to keep a clean house. The allowance is tied to it but if you don't misbehave there is no problem.
Laundry		x		Everybody gets a certain day to do laundry.
Clothes		x		She said she has plenty of clothes.
Food		x		The food is great. She is a picky eater. Wouldn't try new things. She said she hated sweet potato fries but had never tried them. She tried them at Country Club and liked them and is so excited they are having them tonight. She likes to dip them in ranch dressing.

Snacks		x		There are always healthy snacks available.
School		x		She loves North Valley and will continue to go to a school like it when she moves out.
Library		x		At school.
Activities & Entertainment				There are lots of activities especially on the weekends but she goes home on the weekend so she doesn't go to on them. That's ok because she is afraid of heights and so didn't want to go to 6 Flags anyway.
Money				

**ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH**

# of Youth Interviewed:        1  

This is a first experience with a group home. She did not know what to expect but has really enjoyed the staff helping her learn how to better handle her life. She knows life will always be handing her new experiences ...some good and some bad but now she has tools.

**Inspection Summary**

This home is warm and comfortable. The girls have access to the pool when the temperature is above 70 degrees. I only saw one girl because the others were out and about. The last 15 minutes the girls were coming in with their support counselors. The energy picked up as they put away their belongings and finished up with their counselors. The pizzas were ready to go whenever everyone got back.

Overall this is a very comfortable home, well managed and light hearted.

During the wildfires all residents went to either their own homes or one of 4 vacation homes in Guerneville for 4 days. The school was closed for 3 weeks.

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Inspection Commissioner

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

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Mary Cone, Chair/Report Review

cc: Honorable Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court  
Commissioner of the Juvenile Court  
Probation Department, Chief of Probation  
Sonoma County Family Youth & Children's Services  
State of California, Community Care Licensing  
Facility Inspected