

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Victor Treatment Center – Irwin House
Address:	On File
Phone	On File
Contact Person	Kristine Aphugh

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Gayle Ballinger
Date of Inspection	12/20/17
Date of Last Inspection	11/15/16
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

INSPECTION	O	S	N.I.	Comments (required if “N.I.” is checked)
Grounds		x		The grounds are well kept up. The entrance to the front door is decorated with a Christmas theme.
Building Exterior		x		Well maintained.
Living Room		x		The living room is large, homey and well decorated.
Kitchen		x		The kitchen is clean and organized.
Bedrooms		x		All of the bedrooms are clean and decorated by each girl.
Bathrooms		x		The bathrooms are clean.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		x		Extinguisher is up to date. Fire department checked May 2017.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		x		There are smoke alarms in each room. Carbon monoxide detector installed as well.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x		Evacuation plan posted.
Food		x		Cupboards, refrigerator and freezer are well stocked.
Emergency Supplies		x		Emergency supplies are located in garage. Now accessible in case of emergency.
Health Services		x		Medical and dental appointments are arranged and transportation is provided.
Medications		x		Medications are locked and logged.
Recreation (on site)		x		30 minutes of exercise is scheduled each afternoon.
Outings		x		Outings off site are provided.

(off site)				
Education & Classrooms		x		All youth attend North Valley.
Mail/Phone		x		Mail and private phone calls are available.
Discipline		x		Discipline is dependent upon behavior. Less allowance may occur if reimbursement for damages is in order. Community service may be required. Amends for a behavior depends on how significant the behavior was.
Library		x		Available at school.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The house is decorated for Christmas. The girls were very proud of their house. Dinner was being cooked. Some were working with staff. The atmosphere was one of ease between youth and staff.

YOUTH INTERVIEWS

TOPICS				
Evaluation of Program		x		A young girl met with me somewhat reluctantly. She said she liked the program.
Program Understood		x		She said she understood what her plan was.
Levels (Privileges)		x		There are no levels at VTC.
Grievances		x		She didn't know what a grievance was but said she could easily talk to the staff.
Discipline		x		She said the discipline depends on how drastic the behavior was.
Staff Evaluation		x		She really likes the staff and feels very comfortable with them.
Health Services		x		She said she is driven to medical and dental appointments when they are scheduled.
Counseling/Therapy		x		She said she receives therapy every week with her clinician.
Chores & Allowance		x		The chores are fine.
Laundry		x		She said she has a certain day to do her laundry.
Clothes		x		She said she doesn't need any clothes but always likes new ones.
Food		x		She loves the food.
Snacks		x		There are snacks after school. There's always fruit and healthy snacks available.
School		x		She goes to North Valley. She doesn't like it. It's too hard.
Library		x		There is one at school.
Activities &		x		There are outings scheduled. She likes movies and hikes.

Entertainment				
Money		x		She has money. She saves it mostly.

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: ___ 1 ___

She was a very young girl. She hopes that she will learn some lessons that will help her later in life. She will be going home soon and feels she is getting prepared for that.

Inspection Summary

This house has the biggest span in ages. Even so the relationships between the staff and youth felt authentic and caring.

In this house as with all the others, staff stated the most significant change since AB 403/ The Continuum Care Reform has been the Child & Family Team meetings. Now everyone is on board every month to see that the youth is staying on course.

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

Inspection Commissioner

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

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Mary Cone, Chair/Report Review

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 Commissioner of the Juvenile Court
 Probation Department, Chief of Probation
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