

## Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

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

J.J.C. Inspector(s)	Gayle Ballinger and Michael Fried
Date of Inspection	11/15/16
Date of Last Inspection	10/6/15
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	07/01/16

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

**Action**

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds		x		This home sits adjacent to Irwin House. Both are at the end of a very long drive, mostly paved with a small grassy yard by the front door. Picnic table and basketball hoop available. The front door is not easily seen. It is around the side of the house.
Building Exterior		x		Well maintained.
Living Room		x		This home had been redecorated last year. A little attention to detail has been added.
Kitchen		x		Clean and well maintained.
Bedrooms		x		Clean and organized.
Bathrooms		x		Both bathrooms were clean and well lighted.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers		x		Up to date.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms		x		Multiple alarms.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan		x		Evacuation plan was posted.
Food		x		Refrigerators, freezers, and pantry were well stocked. Food in refrigerator was labeled and dated.
Emergency Supplies		x		All earthquake supplies were visible and easy to access.
Health Services		x		Appointments are made and transportation arranged.
Medications		x		Medications are locked and logged. Each youth has their own binder.

Recreation (on site)		x		Many opportunities for recreation are available. 30 minutes a day are expected.
Outings (off site)		x		There are many outings off site including camping and other adventures.
Education & Classrooms		x		All students go to North Valley. These commissioners did not visit the school.
Mail/Phone		x		Students receive mail. They can receive and make phone calls to those on their list of pre-authorized people.
Discipline		x		Loss of allowance or privileges.
Library		x		Library is at the school.

## YOUTH INTERVIEWS

TOPICS				
Evaluation of Program		x		The girl interviewed had been with VTC for many years and is one of the oldest in the house. She appreciates the program.
Program Understood		x		She understands her plan and the program in general.
Levels (Privileges)		x		VTC does not have levels. She understands the more she cooperates and works her plan the more privileges she receives.
Grievances		x		She understands the grievance program.
Discipline		x		She understands the need for consequences for bad behavior.
Staff Evaluation		x		She really likes all the staff. By the banter back and forth it appeared she had an easygoing relationship with staff.
Health Services		x		She receives medical and dental appointments.
Counseling/Therapy		x		She gets counseling at school and again at the house.
Chores & Allowance		x		Chores are expected in the morning and in the afternoon. Not a problem.
Laundry		x		Everyone does her own laundry.
Clothes		x		She is fine with her clothes.
Food		x		Food is excellent and always a lot of it.
Snacks		x		There are snacks in the snack drawer and fruit is always available.
School		x		North Valley is ok. She said she is getting all A's.
Library		x		At the school when we need it. There is a computer they can use for research if needed.
Activities &		x		Always something being offered.

Entertainment				
Money		X		\$1.50 a day for chores with opportunities to get more.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH**

# of Youth Interviewed:        \_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_

This young woman seemed very self-assured. She has plans to be a veterinarian. She would also like to work with guide dogs of some kind. She was willing to talk to us but needed to make it short so she could take a shower. She had an easy laugh and made known to the other girls her need to take a shower so they needed to be aware of this.


**Inspection Summary**

This home is run very well. It is very organized, work gets done, and at the same time there is mutual respect and appropriate play between staff and girls. Both Lane House and Irwin Lane have similar styles. They are very appropriate and professional.

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Inspection Commissioner Gayle Ballinger

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

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Inspection Commissioner Michael Fried

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Mary Cone, Commissioner/Report Review

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Dennis Ruggiero, Chairperson

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