

# Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission

## Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Victor Treatment Center—Irwin House 2019
Address:	On File
Phone	On File
Contact Person	Kristine Aphugh
J.J.C. Inspector(s)	James Weathers/Michael Charpiot
<b>Date of Inspection</b>	10/04/2019
Date of Last Inspection	9/13/2018
CCL Contact	Brittany Newton/Megan Mullen
Date of Last CCL Inspection	7/11/2019

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

INSPECTION	S	N.I.	Comments (required if “N.I.” is checked)
Grounds	x		This home is located in a rural area at the end of a long driveway next to the Lane house. Both share a large vacant field. The area directly in the front of the house is mostly paved but there is a small grassy area with a picnic table, basketball hoop, four square play area, and barbeque. There are several planters at the side of the house that the residents may use to grow vegetables at times. The grounds were well maintained.
Building Exterior	x		The exterior of the building has recently been re-painted. Steps leading up to the front porch are in good repair. All screens were in place and none were torn.
Living Room	x		The living room is large and comfortably furnished with new furniture within the last three years. There were large flat screen televisions, four couches, an easy chair, a small book case with books and videos, a desk and chair and computer. <i>Large windows provided ample natural light.</i>
Dining Room	x		There was a large dining room off the kitchen with adequate seating for all residents and staff.
Laundry Room	x		Laundry room was equipped with a relatively new washer and dryer. Washing materials were secured and were not to be used by residents without adult supervision.
Kitchen	x		Kitchen was spotless with a large well-stocked refrigerator/freezer. All appliances seemed to be almost new. Cabinets were appropriately locked and all sharps safely secured. <i>There was a thermometer in the freezer to monitor proper temperature. Hot water of appropriate temperature was available in the kitchen sink.</i>
Bedrooms	x		The house has four bedrooms. All rooms were well lighted and comfortably furnished. Residents are allowed to decorate their rooms according to their personal taste. <i>The residents were particularly creative in decorating the outside of their bedroom doors.</i>
Bathrooms	x		The facility has two full bathrooms, which were clean and in good repair. No bleach or other potentially harmful cleaning agents were present. <i>Hot water was available in both.</i>
Fire Safety --Extinguishers	x		Fire extinguishers had been inspected by the local Fire Department in May 2019 and met fire safety standards.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms	x		There are smoke alarms in each room as well as at least one carbon monoxide detector in the common area(s). <i>The Carbon Monoxide is mounted high on the wall.</i> These too had

			been inspected by the local fire department in May 2019 and found to meet the appropriate standards. <i>Alarms were both battery powered and hard wired.</i>
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan	x		The facility's evacuation was posted near the front door, easily readable and at the appropriate height to be viewed by the residents. However, staff might consider placing additional plans at other places throughout the house even though evacuation drills are held on a monthly basis.
Food	x		The cupboards, refrigerator and freezer appeared to be well stocked. Any leftover food in the refrigerator was clearly marked with the date. There was an abundance of fresh fruit on the kitchen counter for the residents' use.
Emergency Supplies	x		The necessary emergency supplies were readily accessible in the locked garage along with an additional food supply.
Health Services	x		Initial dental and medical examinations are scheduled within 30 days of each resident entering the facility with subsequent regular check- ups and visits as needed.
Medications	x		All medications are triple locked and the medical coordinator for all Victor homes oversees the medical regimen and ensures that the medications are stored and administered properly.
Recreation (on site)	x		30 minutes of outside physical activity is scheduled each day. There were bikes and helmets in the garage as well as a variety of balls, bats etc. Inside there was a variety of video and board games.
Outings (off site)	x		A variety of offsite activities are offered with shopping being one of the most popular. In addition, in the past camping, trips to the ocean, <i>ice cream outings</i> , <i>trips to the movie theater</i> , and even trips to Disneyland have been offered in the past.
Education & Classrooms	x		Youths who do not attend the traditional public schools in the area attend the facility's North Valley School. The North Valley School is WASC accredited. Recently several of Victor's residents received their high school diplomas.
Mail/Phone	x		Mail is not generally restricted nor is telephone usage.
Discipline	x		Discipline is driven by the infraction involved and may entail the restriction of privileges or a reduction on the amount of the resident's allowance.
Library	x		Some books are available at the house with a larger library at the nearby North Valley School. <i>Titles available to the residents were age appropriate.</i>

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** This house along with all Victor houses in the area have had its provisional Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) certification extended through December 2019.

YOUTH INTERVIEW(S)  
# Of Youth Interviewed:  
Comments were quite complimentary of both the staff and the facility.

**INSPECTION SUMMARY:**  
Overall the facility was in good repair, clean, sanitary, and appeared to offer a safe nurturing environment for its residents.

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

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James Weathers, Inspection Commissioner

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Michael Charpiot, Inspection Commissioner

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Eve Goldberg, Chair

cc: Honorable Judge of the Sonoma County Superior Court  
Commissioner of the Juvenile Court

Probation Department, Chief of Probation  
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