

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Facility Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Hanna Boys Center
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Date of Inspection	10/09/14
Date of Last Inspection	01/25/14
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Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	10-16-07, 9-11-08, Feb. 2012. Checked temperatures for Refrigerators and freezers during visit.

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

INSPECTED	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds	X		Clean and well maintained by youth. Major jobs are contracted out. No change from last inspection. (Showroom Condition)
Building Exterior	X		Clean and well kept. / No change from last inspection other than Halloween decorations.
Living Room	X		Clean and organized. There is also a recreation room with weights and a pool table next to the living room but with constant, clear visibility from staff. Halloween decorations.
Kitchen	X		Clean and organized. Fridge is emptied and cleaned on a regular basis. Chairs were off the floor as if floors had been cleaned and floor was drying.
Bedrooms	X		Clean. On the average well organized and uncluttered. Pictures on the walls are allowed but "if they could be offensive to my grandmother", the pictures come down or if they have "gang content" or "gang significance". No change from last inspection
Bathrooms	X		Clean and everything working properly. Three shower stalls, and three toilet stalls. One of which is in compliance with ADA standards and includes a safety bar on the wall. There are three urinals and five washbasins in bathrooms.
Fire Safety -Extinguishers -Smoke Alarms -Evac. Plan ?	X		Fire extinguishers in every building and maintained accordingly. (Good until 6/17/15). Smoke alarms in place and working. Batteries replaced every June or July and used batteries given to residents upon request for their personal use. Fire alarms also at entrances of buildings. Random fire drills conducted monthly in every cottage by staff and annotated in

			<p>a check off sheet. Sprinklers in place.</p> <p>A generator is in place for power outages. Evacuation routes posted in visible locations in every building.</p>
Food	X		<p>Menus are prepared and posted in advance. Pantry is well stocked. A nutritionist comes out to verify that the meals offered are plentiful and nutritious. Plenty of snack food in dorms for snack times and plenty of food in kitchen. Meals are decided as a team based on input from residents in their respective houses. Occasionally Mr. Young is asked to BBQ for the residents. Birthday meals are decided by the person celebrating his birthday.</p>
Health Services	X		<p>Nurse on grounds. Up to 150 volunteer dentists, usually on Thursdays, provide services. For medical emergencies, parents are notified and youth are transported to medical facilities by Hanna staff or their parents. Youth are also transported to Dr. appointments as needed. Tim Norman, Ph.D. is the Clinical Director.</p>
Medications	X		<p>Double locked, secured and controlled. All meds are prescribed by professionals, i.e. dentist, doctor, etc. When dispensing meds, precaution is taken to ensure that there are no distractions by having two staff in a closed room. That is the protocol.</p>
Recreation (on site)	X		<p>Plenty of recreation. Competitive sports against other schools as well. Music band as part of the curriculum and for pleasure. There are concerts and “No talent shows”, movies. Skits mimicking staff and others. For Halloween youth have the option of dressing up in costumes. For Easter there is an Easter egg hunt.</p>
Outings (off site)	X		<p>Movies, skating, beach, San Francisco, Fan Fest, Wilderness ventures are common and are currently trying to do summer camps. Rock Climbing to develop team-building skills.</p>
Education/ Classrooms	X		<p>The school has been accredited since (about) 2005 as a high school. Education is considered superior to other schools that youth have attended. Elective courses that are no longer offered such as “woodshop”. Music is offered at Hanna. Smaller classrooms provide for more individualized attention. Youth like smaller classes. Classrooms have computers and internet access through school server so as to remotely see what the computers are opened to and assure that no inappropriate content is accessed.</p>
Mail/Phone	X		<p>Mail delivery is normal. Only packages are monitored for prevention of contraband entering the campus. Packages are opened in front of Manager or caseworker. There are pay phones available to those that are not entitled to have cell phones. Cell phones are allowed by youth who’ve earned merits such as “status one and two”. But cell phone use is restricted and the privilege can be revoked. No phone bills are to come to Hanna but instead to their parents’ home.</p>
INSPECTED	S	N.I.	Comments
Family Contact			<p>Youth can go home for up to two weekends per month if there have been no rule violations so they can spend time with their families.</p>
Discipline			<p>Progressive discipline is the preferred mode. Most minor problems are taken care of “in house”. “Restorative Quest” is usually the first step where the youth accepts responsibility for his actions and meets with his victims, apologizes and makes amends. Youth also faces loss of privileges and status demotion. 60-day campus restriction for more serious violations.</p> <p>With a new Executive Director, there comes a new philosophy, not yet officially</p>

			applied in dealing with discipline. If successful, the goal is to reduce suspensions by looking into affected youth's past trauma by having the youth recreate that trauma. This is in order to better understand and serve the youth.
Library			Available to all youth and on Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 7:30 with a librarian present for assistance.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Since Father Crews resignation, Scott Singer was the interim Director until new Executive Director, Brian Farragher came on board in June 2014. Youth interested in attending Hanna Boys Center, may send the mandatory intake letters for consideration to: Richard Russe or Executive Director Brian Farragher.

With Father Crews' resignation, a priest must be brought in to do confessions but mass and all other programs have not been affected. Youth have not been negatively affected by his resignation or by the allegations.

Getting ready to re-start the "bike program" collecting bicycles, fixing them and sending them to Africa for disadvantaged kids.

On Arnold Dr. at the entrance to Hanna Boys Center there is a round about that was installed by the city and seems to be effective in my observation since the last inspection. (Not a part of Hanna).

This year Hanna was successful in hosting Sports Summer Camps and accommodated the adult participants to stay on grounds and use the facilities to sleep and eat their meals.

The Gilbert & Dorthy Lazzerechi Auditorium has also been completed and is completely operational. Non-Profit and Community organizations are allowed to use it for no fee except a clean-up fee.

Hanna Boys Center is the official Natural Disaster Command Center for the city of Sonoma. In response to gun violence in schools around the country, Hanna is getting ready to coordinate with local law enforcement agencies, ARM (Armed Shooter on Campus), drills. The emergency preparedness drills are going to simulate school shootings and will be put on by law enforcement agencies. Start date for these drills is yet to be determined.

Maintenance for Hanna Boys Center is done by a maintenance employee who also lives just down the street. He does

maintenance for the center including troubleshooting possible false alarms.

There are three night watch staff per night

There are four coordinators and one is always on call.

A new staff member, Ms. Terry was hired to cut hair for the youth. Start date is 10/14/14 or 10/15/14. Currently youth can cut each other's hair for free if both parties agree and there is constant adult supervision available.

Youth Interviews

TOPICS	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program	X		<p>First youth interviewed is a youth that first came to Hanna two years ago. His older brother had attended Hanna before him. His brother spoke very highly of the curriculum and the smaller classrooms that were exactly what youth liked after he matured. He is not Catholic but "I just do what I'm told". He sees a lot of structure in the program but he understands that the teachers just want him to learn and don't give up on their students. He does enjoy some of the extracurricular activities like this years grape stomp competition. He volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club and at a Homeless Shelter where actually gets paid but says he'd volunteer for the gratification that he gets out of it. Math seems to be among his favorite subjects. He likes his teacher.</p> <p>Second youth is a senior who's been at Hanna for 3 years and plans to graduate from here. This is his home. He also got good reviews from his cousin who also was a Hanna alumni. He doesn't feel like he's super smart but has good work ethics and teachers that are willing and able to help him through the program and after graduation. He likes Hanna because of the dedication that the teachers have to the youth and it's also very safe. He wants to be a physician and help people. His plans include attending Santa Rosa Junior College and transferring to Stanford as his first choice or Cal. State East Bay in Hayward or St. Mary's or USF.</p> <p>Both youth interviewed were very receptive to the interviews and were comfortable talking with me.</p>
Counseling/ Therapy	X		In house and individual case workers.
Physical Education	X		Varsity and Jr. Varsity sports with qualified coaches. Competition with other schools just like any other school.
Health Services	X		Health and dental services available on grounds on a regular basis. The Health Center has approximately 150 volunteer dentists. Nurse on grounds. Up to 150 volunteer dentists, usually on Thursdays, provide services. For medical emergencies, parents are notified and youth are transported to medical facilities by Hanna staff or their parents. Youth are also transported to Dr. appointments as needed.
School	X		Some youth have the opportunity to attend Sonoma Valley High School in Sonoma but there are also teachers on staff.

Food	X		Culinary Epicurian employees work with Hanna staff and also teach interested youth how to work in culinary. Youth assist in prepping the food, under strict supervision. I had the honor of eating lunch provided by Hanna and found the meal to be well rounded and plentiful. The main course was spaghetti that had just the right amount of seasoning for me. A well supplied salad bar looked delicious and abundant. Ample time was given to the youth to finish their meal and seating was not restricted. Youth could sit with staff or with their peers. A truly pleasant experience.
Snacks	X		Snacks are plentiful. Youth are allowed to also have their own snacks from home and kept in their cottage in their designated location in the kitchenette.
Library	X		Ample amount of books and a librarian who is helpful.
Chores	X		Youth do chores everyday on a three-month rotation so as not to do the same thing all the time.
Money	X		Youth can also work at Hanna and the amount of responsibility and the difficulty of the task as well as the status of the youth determine their pay. (There are four different status ranks. One and Two have more privileges) Youth can also ask for raises and their requests are evaluated by Hanna staff.
Mail / Phone	X		No problems with mail delivery or receipt of mail except for packages, which have to be opened in front of manager or caseworker for our own good. Phone calls are granted and not a problem attaining if rules are followed.
Levels (privileges)	X		There are four status levels. Status One has the most privileges including eligibility for two weekends away from campus per month, while Status Four has the least privileges. Status can be dropped for inappropriate behavior or doing poorly in school. Up to 60 day campus restrictions for violations. Residents try hard not to violate.
Laundry	X		Everyone does his own laundry but the younger youth have to be supervised by the older youth.
Grievances	X		A grievance procedure is in place and most grievances are taken care of at the lowest level. The caseworker may get involved but confidentiality prevents Hanna staff and caseworker from sharing information. If the youth have a problem that they can't solve at the lowest level they are aware of the Juvenile Justice Commission and our Hotline posted in different locations throughout the premises.
Activities & Entertainment	X		Music concerts in the Spring in which even Hanna participation includes Hanna staff. Christmas shows and concerts as well as "No Talent Shows" in addition to sports activities, competitive sports, movies, beach, skating, etc.
Program Length Understood	X		At initial interview the youth are advised of the length of time and sign up for a minimum of one year but can stay up to 5 years.
Staff evaluation	X		Youth like the staff at Hanna and appreciate the after care and quality of services. As one youth put it, "Hanna is my home and I can count on the staff for advice whenever I need it".
Discipline	X		Progressive discipline is fair. Justice is usually accomplished and the youth get to vote on discipline of youth in our cottage. At times the youth are moved out of the cottage to a different one due to discipline problems. Humanly administered and best of all: fair, firm, and consistent. With the new Executive Director's philosophy of studying the youth's trauma there

