

Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission Group Home Inspection Report

Facility Name:	Plumfield Farm
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Date of Inspection	May 28, 2015
Date of Last Inspection	April 2, 2014
C.C.L. Contact	Pauline Muntzer
Date of Last C.C.L. Inspection	4/25/2014

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

Action

INSPECTED	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Grounds	X			The grounds look great, fresh paint and beautiful plantings in the front.
Building Exterior	X			This home has just been freshly painted outside.
Living Room		X		Cozy and inviting with sofas, coffee table, chairs, tv, books.
Kitchen		X		Clean and stocked with fresh food, canned goods, oil and vinegar, and spices.
Bedrooms		X		Very clean and neat with personal touches such as stuffed animals, books, pictures of family and friends.
Bathrooms		X		Very clean.
Fire Safety --Extinguishers	X			The fire extinguisher was last check on May 16, 2015.
Fire Safety --Smoke Alarms	X			Smoke alarms are in working order.
Fire Safety --Evacuation Plan	X			The evacuation plan is posted on the bulletin board; however, all the children know how to get out of the home immediately.
Food	X			The kitchen is stocked with fresh vegetables and fruit. There are cupboards with canned goods.
Emergency Supplies	X			There is emergency water and blankets as well as a full freezer. There is also a large supply of emergency food and water at another Plumfield location.
Health Services	X			The children are given annual physical exams with dental exams provided twice annually. Counseling is provided to each child one to two times per week with family therapy provided two to four times per month – if

				appropriate.
Medications	X			A psychiatrist prescribes medications and the staff administer. The medication binder was up to date with a user-friendly format.
Recreation (on site)	X			This home is on 3 acres of land. There is a basketball court and a badminton net set up. The kids love to play Frisbee and have more than enough room to run around. They can play baseball – anything that needs a lot of room. They also have a massive amount of games inside.
Outings (off site)	X			The children go to the park, on hikes, to the beach, to movies, and shopping. They also attend many special events in the area such as fairs and parades and museums.
Education & Classrooms	X			The kids in this home go to Plumfield Academy and are very happy with their school experience.
Mail/Phone	X			As appropriate for each child.
Discipline	X			The discipline at Plumfield is exceptional. The staff is well trained and caring, which is picked up by the boys allowing them to feel safe and secure.
Library	X			The library in the living room is amazing. The books are numerous, appropriate and up to date. I know the public library in town would love to have these books.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

This home is well suited to the boys here. The rooms are spread out allowing for the older boys to feel a tiny bit more independent. There is a nice kitchen table where the boys were having fruit as I walked in. They were talking about their day at school and invited me to join them. I am always so impressed with the way these children are taught to interact with adults; in a respectful, intelligent way, looking at the person they are speaking with. Impressive home.

Youth Interviews

TOPICS	O	S	N.I.	Comments
Evaluation of Program	X			The boys really like the program. They are old enough to understand and appreciate what Plumfield is doing for them. One boy said, "It's very helpful here. I have changed a lot."
Program Understood	X			All the boys understand the program. One relatively child said, "I love Plumfield. I like to work hard and follow directions."
Levels (Privileges)	X			These boys understand the levels and what they afford them in terms of freedom and privileges.
Grievances	X			All the boys feel the staff can handle any grievance they have but they do know they can also go to Scott or Darcee.
Discipline	X			The boys feel that discipline is dispensed in a fair and productive manner. Most of these children need to feel safe that there is discipline

				and order for security.
Staff Evaluation	X			The kids really like the staff. "I love Plumfield. There are really nice people here."
Health Services	X			"I go to the doctor when I need to and once a year."
Counseling/Therapy	X			They all like Scott and feel that they can talk to him about anything and he will help them. One boy said, "Everybody loves Scott! I mean everybody."
Chores & Allowance	X			The boys like doing the chores and want to help out, not only for the allowance or extra money, but also for the feeling of being part of the home. Some of the chores are sweeping, dishes, bathroom, set the table.
Laundry	X			Staff does the laundry and the kids fold and put away except for Level 3, they do everything.
Clothes	X			"If we need new clothes we go shopping. Especially if we grow really fast and need bigger clothes."
Food	X			"It's good." "Pretty great." "The food is really good."
Snacks	X			"Good and healthy."
School	X			"I used to go to a public school where there was a lot of bullying. There is no bullying at Plumfield Academy – ever." "I am learning things that my other school didn't teach." "I got these Harry Potter books from school and I am on the third book."
Library	X			"We all have books in our rooms and they buy us certain books if we want them."
Activities & Entertainment	X			"I am in the drumming class and I practice my drumming when I get home. There is also going to the library, baking, basketball, 4 square, badminton, Frisbee. We also go out to the coast."
Money	X			"We get money for doing chores. And the higher levels do chores and get allowance."

ADDITIONAL NOTES & SUGGESTIONS BY YOUTH

of Youth Interviewed: __5__

One child is very excited about going to a camp for 5 days in the redwoods. Another said, "Everything about this place is good." Another was very excited to be involved in something he called reasonable feedback. He explained it as giving others helpful advice and acknowledging when someone doesn't feel comfortable talking about certain things.

Inspection Summary

This is an exceptional home. It is well run and the feeling is of security, growth, and safety. These children are learning responsibility, caring, respect, and how to live in the world.

 Mary Cone
Inspection Commissioner

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

Mary Cone, Chairperson

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