



**PLACER COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE
DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT**

2013

Welfare & Institutions Code Section 229.5

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a juvenile justice commission may inquire into the operation of any group home that serves wards or dependent children of the juvenile court and is located in the county or region the commission serves. The commission may review the safety and well-being of wards or dependent children placed in the group home and the program and services provided in relation to the home's published program statement.

(b) In conducting its review, the commission shall respect the confidentiality of minors' records and other information protected under other provisions of law. It may review court or case records of a child provided it keeps the identities of minors named in those records confidential, and may review the financial records of a group home. However, the commission may not review the personnel records of employees or the records of donors to the group home.

(c) The commission shall give the group home manager at least 24 hours' advance notice of a visit to a group home. If the commission believes that there is a serious violation of applicable licensing laws or regulations or that residents of a group home are in danger of physical or mental abuse, abandonment or other substantial threat to their health and safety, the commission shall notify the Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services for appropriate action, shall consult with the presiding judge of the juvenile court and chief probation officer as to whether or not a visit is appropriate, and shall notify other juvenile justice commissions of its actions, as appropriate.

(d) Upon the completion of a visit, if the commission finds any condition in the group home that poses a danger to its residents or otherwise violates any applicable law, ordinance, or regulation, the commission shall verbally advise the group home manager of its findings, unless it determines that the advisement could be detrimental to the children placed there, and shall send written confirmation of its findings to the group home manager within 14 days. The commission may also report its findings to the presiding judge of the juvenile court, chief probation officer, State Department of Social Services, or other juvenile justice commissions as appropriate. A group home manager may meet with the juvenile justice commission, chief probation officer, county welfare director, juvenile court, or the State Department of Social Services to resolve any problem or to submit a plan of correction.

Facility: Koinonia House #2

Address: 6331 King Rd. Loomis, CA

Phone Number: 916-652-0171

Department Chief: Bill Ryland - Administrator

Staff Interviewed: Jennifer Minyard – House Supervisor

Date of Inspection: May 6, 2013

Juvenile Justice Commission Inspection Team:

Sandena Bader, Bryan Urquidez, Paul Cominsky

Supervising Juvenile Court Judge: Hon. Colleen Nichols

Staffing Ratio: 6-3 awake
6-1 asleep

Number of suicides: 0

Number of assaults: 0

Number of runaways: 6-12 in a year (Supervisor was not sure of number)

GENERAL

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| Does the facility house juveniles under 601 of the W&I Code? | YES [x] | NO [] |
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| Are 601's and 602's separated? | YES [] | NO [x] |
| Are males kept separate from females? | YES [x] | NO [] |

INTERIOR

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| Are sleeping rooms adequate and clean? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Is the interior of the house clean? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Were walls, paint, drains, plumbing, vents, windows, etc... in good working condition? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Are cleaning fluids and chemicals labeled and safely stored? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Are recreational equipment and sporting equipment in good order? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Are the hallways kept clear and uncluttered? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Are personal possessions allowed in sleeping rooms? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Is there any graffiti present? | YES [] | NO [x] |
| Is a study area available for residence? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Is there adequate lighting in the facility? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Does the facility maintain an adequate temperature during seasons? | YES [x] | NO [] |

EXTERIOR

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| Are outdoor common areas well maintained? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Are any outdoor areas in disrepair? | YES [] | NO [x] |

MEALS/NUTRITION

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| Is the kitchen clean? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Is staff present and supervising during meals? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Is a weekly menu prepared and posted? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Are the meals served cafeteria style? | YES [] | NO [x] |

PROGRAMS

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| Are minors allowed ample time for recreation of any kind? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Do all minors exercise daily? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Do minors have access to religious services? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Are Medical/Mental Health Services available to minors? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Is there counseling available to the minors? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Is there a family reunification plan in place for minors? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Is there substance Abuse counseling available for minors? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Are there parenting classes available? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Are there any vocational classes available? | YES [x] | NO [] |

GRIEVANCE POLICY

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| Are all minors oriented to the rules and procedures? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Are rules and grievance procedures posted and visible to minors? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Is there a consistent and fair discipline plan in place? | YES [x] | NO [] |

COMMUNICATION

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| Do minors have access to phones? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Are minors given free postage for their correspondence? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Is incoming and outgoing mail read by staff? | YES [] | NO [x] |
| Are accommodations made for visitation? | YES [x] | NO [] |
| Does staff supervise visits? | YES [x] | NO [] |

Commissioners Observations:

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| Are the minors in a good state of appearance? | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do they appear to shower regularly and in proper hygiene? | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is clothing appropriate and in good condition? | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Did the minors interviewed feel they had an opportunity to express their concerns or issues with the staff? | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Was a minor interviewed prior to or before the inspection? | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Were any issues raised during the minor interview? | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |

Commissioners Narrative:

Koinonia House # 2 was found to be bright, cheerful, and presented as a family friendly environment. The home was very neat and well maintained inside and out. The House Supervisor indicated there were some construction plans for the home being discussed but were not underway at the time. The girl’s rooms were personalized with family photos, wall hangings, and artwork. Personal items were kept neatly in each girl’s private closet or shelf.

The House Supervisor was very approachable and open to questions from the inspection team. She informed us that she has been on staff with the program for 8 years and feels very positive about the treatment services they provide. She enjoys working with the girls to support and enhance their lives.

We were able to separately interview two of the residents at the school immediately following our house inspection. Both had very similar remarks and attitudes regarding their placement at Koinonia. Both understood the grievance process as well as their rights. They felt the program is helping them to succeed in school, developing life skills and coping with the issues that brought them into the program. They felt the rules and consequences were fair, the daily structure helps them to stay on track and they enjoy outings in the community. Both residents indicated they were dissatisfied about having to attend church on a regular basis. They informed us that they do not have a choice due to lack of staffing on the weekends. Although they need to be present and attend church they do not have to participate in the services. Both indicated they would like to have a choice and the ability to attend a church of their choice. This was concerning to the team and may be a topic for discussion with Koinonia administration.

The Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission of Placer County finds that Koinonia House #2 is in compliance with California State Licensing Regulations.

Inspection Report completed by Commissioner: Sandena Bader

On this date: June 6, 2013

Sandena Bader

Signed