



**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 Group Home # 3

Address: 5440 Paragon Street

Rocklin, CA 95677

Phone Number: (916) 624-2636

Executive Director: Bill Ryland

Staff Interviewed: Bill Wesselman

Date of Inspection: May 6, 2013

Juvenile Justice Commission Inspection Team: Nancie Wiseman Attwater

John Richardson

Supervising Juvenile Court Judge: Hon. Colleen Nichols

Staffing Ratio: Awake: 3 juveniles / 1staff Sleep: 6 juveniles / 1 staff

Number of suicides: 0

Number of assaults: 0

Number of runaways: 3

This is within the last year

GENERAL

Does the facility house juveniles under 601 of the W&I Code? YES NO

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Are 601's and 602's separated? YES NO

Are males kept separate from females? N/A YES NO

INTERIOR

Are sleeping rooms adequate and clean? YES NO

Is the interior of the house clean? YES NO

Were walls, paint, drains, plumbing, vents, windows, etc... in good working condition? YES NO

Are cleaning fluids and chemicals labeled and safely stored? Locked YES NO

Are recreational equipment and sporting equipment in good order? YES NO

Are the hallways kept clear and uncluttered? YES NO

Are personal possessions allowed in sleeping rooms? Not all YES NO

Is there any graffiti present? YES NO

Is a study area available for residence? Kitchen Table YES NO

Is there adequate lighting in the facility? YES NO

Does the facility maintain an adequate temperature during seasons? YES NO

EXTERIOR

Are outdoor common areas well maintained? YES NO

Are any outdoor areas in disrepair? YES NO

MEALS/NUTRITION

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

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

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

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 [x]	NO []
Are accommodations made for visitation?	YES [x]	NO []
Does staff supervise visits?	YES [x]	NO []

Commissioners Observations:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Were any issues raised during the minor interview?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Commissioners Narrative:

Two youth were interviewed before the inspection of this house. One of them had been there for 8 months and the other for less than a month. Both of them were well kept and clothes were clean. The newer of the boys was dressed in a tie and vest because he had a basketball game that night. The other was dressed in a shirt and pants appropriate for a day at school. They answered the questions on the survey without a problem and were informed that if they were uncomfortable at any time that they should feel free to speak up and were under no obligation to answer a question if they were uncomfortable with it. They answered all of the questions and seemed comfortable with them. They shook hands with the interviewers and we hope were put at ease as we introduced ourselves and explained the process and the purpose of the survey.

When we entered the home it was clean and in order. There was comfortable furniture and a large TV in the living room. A large dining room table was clean with chairs neatly placed where meals were taken family style with a staff member present who also ate their meals with the boys. The kitchen was clean and the food was kept in a refrigerator in the kitchen and two in the garage.

There were two rooms upstairs where the social worker had an office and the main office was located. The social workers room was comfortable with a door that could be closed for privacy. Down stairs there were 3 bedrooms with 2 beds each and a dresser for the boys to keep their clothes. All were neat and the beds made except for one that was not made because it was the boy's day to do laundry. The bathrooms were clean and neat.

There were signs posted with goals for each boy for the week. The menus for the week were near the kitchen and the signs for disaster drills were prominently placed.

All cleaning supplies are in a locked closet.

The boys have 17 hours of recreation a week, and there are vocational classes available. Right now they are on gardening and cooking with more to be offered at a later date. There is parenting classes offered 2 Wednesdays a month.

There is a pool table in the house and a large well kept swimming pool and basketball court in a large backyard as well as a barbecue and tables for meals to be taken outside. The boys maintain the yards. All the yards were in good repair.

The boys are allowed to make phone calls the number depending on how long they have been there and there is a computer for homework without internet access. Family visits are allowed with a staff member nearby.

Clothing is provided at \$35 per month from the Women's Assistance League and the boy's are allowed to go shopping. All of the boys we saw sitting in the classroom when we were at the school were dressed appropriately and clean. We were told by Mark who is in charge of the house that if a boy arrives with little to no clothing that they "make it work" and get him clothing immediately so he fits in with the other boys and is made to feel comfortable right away.

The home is warm and comfortable and it appears that the employees have a warm and caring attitude for the boys. Clearly all of the activities are well organized. The boys attend church, have organized outings, earn money for shopping and learn the values that they will hold for a lifetime when they get jobs and go out into the community. The youth stay long enough to work through this program to deal appropriately with the issues of addiction to drug and alcohol before they return to the community and become healthy and productive citizens.

Placer County is indeed lucky to have the Koinonia homes here. They are run and maintained following all of the guidelines setup by the county and the state to house youth who need to be placed there by the Juvenile Justice System.

The Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission of Placer County finds that Koinonia House 3 is in compliance with California State Licensing Regulations.

Inspection Report completed by Commissioner: **Nancie Wiseman Attwater**

On this date: **May 8, 2013**

Nancie Wiseman Attwater

Signed
