



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

**2016**

**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 #1

Address: Loomis, CA

Koinonia Administrative Offices:

P.O. Box 1403

5980 Webb Street

Loomis, CA 95650

Phone Number: (916) 652-0171

Department Chief: Bill Ryland

Staff Interviewed: Ron Hamilton, Facility Supervisor (FS), Dr. Don Richmond Counselor.

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Date of Inspection: March 23, 2016

Juvenile Justice Commission Inspection Team:

Commissioners Bryan Urquidez (Lead), Olivia Woodel and Grady Pennington

Supervising Juvenile Court Judge: Hon. Colleen Nichols

Staffing Ratio: juveniles/staff 5/2 awake, 5/1 asleep

Number of suicides: 0 Number of assaults: 0

Number of runaways: **2 since last inspection of which 1 this calendar year**

**GENERAL**

Does the facility house juveniles under 601 of the W&I Code?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the facility house juveniles under 602 of the W&I Code?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are 601's and 602's separated?	N/A	<b>no 601's during this inspection</b>
Are males kept separate from females?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

**INTERIOR**

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

**EXTERIOR**

Are outdoor common areas well maintained?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are any outdoor areas in disrepair? <b>Roof, Septic Tank, back door alarm to be replaced;</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

**MEALS/NUTRITION**

Is the kitchen clean?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Is staff present and supervising during meals?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Is a weekly menu prepared and posted?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are the meals served cafeteria style?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

**PROGRAMS**

Are minors allowed ample time for recreation of any kind?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Do all minors exercise daily?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Do minors have access to religious services?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Are Medical/Mental Health Services available to minors?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there counseling available to the minors?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a family reunification plan in place for minors?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there substance Abuse counseling available for minors?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there parenting classes available?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any vocational classes available?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**GRIEVANCE POLICY**

Are all minors oriented to the rules and procedures?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are rules and grievance procedures posted and visible to minors?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a consistent and fair discipline plan in place?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

**COMMUNICATION**

Do minors have access to phones?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Are minors given free postage for their correspondence?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Is incoming and outgoing mail read by staff?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are accommodations made for visitation?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Does staff supervise visits?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

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

**Commissioners Narrative:**

The Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission of Placer County finds that Koinonia Group Home #1 in Loomis California is in compliance with California State Licensing Regulations. There is ample space for clients to feel safe and comfortable including significant acreage around the home. The home is a six bed, boys-only home that provides substance abuse treatment for teenage boys. Two boys share each of the three resident bedrooms that were clean and tidy. There was ample food stored in a clean and organized manor. Just as the in the previous

year's House #1 was clean and well maintained. Since our last inspection there were 2 runaways from the house. All cleaning supplies, and household chemicals were locked in secured storage cabinets.

Koinonia group homes use a system of peer accountability to teach the residents self-governance. As in other homes, one resident is placed in a leadership role, with the goal of each minor rotating into this role. Some of the key points Koinonia strives to teach are Acceptance, Self-Control, Independent life skills, and Giving back to others. The youth interviewed expressed positive feelings about programs, activities and experiences at the home. One small concern is that even though the grievance policy is posted the minions were unable to explain how the process works.

The Inspection Team interviewed the Facility Supervisor (FS), Ron Hamilton, who has worked at Koinonia for ten years, and Don Richmond Counselor. Mr. Hamilton and Dr. Richmond presented as active, involved and committed employees of Koinonia, who seems to enjoy helping youth. This group home has met all the regulatory requirements, including the Fire Inspection with the appropriate postings, and items such as chemicals and cleaning agents under lock and key.

The most significant changes for this home #1 and the Koinonia's Loomis District is an on-going accreditation process through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, CARF International at [www.carf.org](http://www.carf.org) and outlined in the Child and Youth Services Standards Manual available on site. The CARF accreditation is a comprehensive, and evidence based process designed to improve the quality of support services through recognized standards. Though Medi-Cal is a principal funding source, the agency must seek funding elsewhere for specialized programs not funded by Medi-Cal. The Biletnikoff Foundation is a significant supporter of Koinonia's Loomis District. The Department Chief, Bill Ryland, is active in seeking out new funding sources.

In summary, Koinonia House #1 is operated by a dedicated staff who are committed to making positive changes in the life of youth. It is recommended the staff periodically review the grievance policy with the residents. There were no other issues found during the house inspection of March 23, 2016.

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The Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission of Placer County finds that Koinonia House #1 is in compliance with California State Licensing Regulations.

Inspection Report completed by Commissioner: Bryan J. Urquidez

On this date: 16 April 2016

*Signed:* Bryan J. Urquidez

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