



**County of Riverside**  
**Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC)**  
**Inspection – GROUP HOME**  
**2022**

<b>Date</b>	09/06/2022
<b>Name of Facility</b>	Guiding Light Home for Boys
<b>Address</b>	26624 Saffron Cir Moreno Valley CA 92555
<b>Phone</b>	951-250-3481
<b>Contact Person</b>	Audrey Vermilion
<b>JJDPIC Inspectors</b>	Tierra Trembley and Charles Trembley
<b>Date of Last JJDPIC Inspection</b>	N/A
<b>CCL Contact Name</b>	
<b>Date of last CCL Inspection</b>	6/2021

**Staff Interviewed:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>How long at GH?</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Georgina Doyle	Administrator	1yr	
Audrey Vermilion	Clinical Director	4yr	

**Describe the following:**

<b>Population</b>	Boys ages 14-20
<b>Type of Care / Treatment</b>	STRTP and Non-Minor Dependents
<b>Currently, what is the biggest challenge you face at the home</b>	Very few options for boys to step down into a less restrictive placement. Staff have observed youth regress and get discouraged when they are placed at the STRTP for too long. Schools have not been flexible when you are missing days of school.
<b>What is the one thing you are most proud of</b>	The staff are most proud of AWOLS dropping to 0 and incident report dropping from 30-40 a month down to 1-4 a month.

**Staffing:**

<b>Total number of staff</b>	11
<b>Ratio of staff to youth</b>	<b>Day Shift:</b> 1:3 <b>PM Shift:</b> 1:3 <b>Night Shift:</b> 1:3
<b>Minimum educational requirement</b>	Bachelor's w/ no experience, Associates Degree w/ 2yrs experience, High School w/ 4 years' experience
<b>Rate of retention for staff</b>	Average staff stays for 1 year

**Training:**

<b>What is the training regimen for staff</b>	All staff receive on-boarding training which consist of 4 hours of overview training and 4 hours of shadowing with current staff.
<b>How is the staff trained for behavior issues</b>	Staff receive two to three trainings a month on ways to address behavior issues with the youth and de-escalation techniques
<b>Does training include Trauma Informed Care (TIC)</b>	All staff receive PROACT training, de-escalation training, no restraints training, and direct training on trauma informed care.
<b>Human Trafficking</b>	Staff receive annual training on human trafficking

**Records/ Special Issues/ Policies:**

<b>Where are records kept</b>	Medication records and client files are stored in two secured locations. The medication files are in the closet in the living room area and the client files are in the office.
<b>Special Incident Reports (SIR) in the past year</b>	The house has 30-40 SIR a month.
<b>How was it handled</b>	Most of the SIR were due to the youth not attending school. The staff handless the situation by trying to incentivize the youth and validate their feeling around attending school.

<b>How are AWOLs handled</b>	Staff will try to redirect youth and give the space to cool off. The staff will also call the youth to get them to return.
<b>Describe the Disciplinary Policy</b>	The staff will email the social worker, complete an SIR, and involve upper management to address concerns with the youth. They work as a team to identify the root cause as to why the youth are having discipline concerns. The house policy regarding discipline is the loss od privileges which include losing passes, tv, video games.
<b>Cell Phone Policy</b>	The organization does have a cell phone policy but it is not enforced.

**Medical Issues:**

<b>How are medical issues and/or emergencies handled</b>	Staff will take the youth to urgent care of needed. The youth are never denied medical treatment.
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<b>How is medication stored and administered</b>	The medication is stored in a locked closet in a locked box. The staff administers the medication according to the doctors' recommendations. The morning medications at 7am and 7pm.
<b>Access to:</b>	

**Programs:**

Type of Program	When or How Often	Notes
<b>Mental Health Services</b>	Every day group and individual therapy	
<b>Religious Services</b>	Available but no one attends	
<b>Drug and Alcohol Classes</b>	Based on the need, but referred out through RUHS	
<b>Parenting Classes</b>	None	
<b>Trauma Informed Care</b>	Staff receive as part of their training	
<b>Human Trafficking</b>	None for the youth	
<b>Recreation and Physical Activities</b>	Two of the youth played sports at the school. The also had an individual in the community to offer "boot camp" training.	
<b>Other Therapy Provided</b>		

**Community Involvement:**

<b>Volunteer Opportunities</b>	Non volunteer opportunity since COVID
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**Education:**

<b>Describe how and where youth are educated.</b> (Include transportation, relationship with off-site	Citrus High School and Val Verde High School are the schools that the youth attend. Staff provides transportation to and from school. Youth have "homework time" between 4p-6p.
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schools, Title 1 tutors, and homework routine.)	
<b>Who holds educational rights or attends meetings</b>	Varies between the family, CASA, or a foster parent.
<b>Is career planning, job training or college preparation offered</b>	The staff have discussions with the youth about career planning and the following steps are documented through their Needs and Services Plan.

**Posted Documents Required:**

<b>Facility License</b>	<b>Posted</b>
<b>Personal Community Care Licensing (CCL) Rights</b>	<b>Posted</b>
<b>Activity Schedule</b>	<b>Posted</b>
<b>Universal Precautions Procedure</b>	<b>Posted</b>
<b>First Aid Supplies</b>	<b>Posted</b>
<b>Emergency Disaster Plan</b>	<b>Posted</b>

**Interior:**

	<b>Kitchen</b>	<b>Notes</b>
✓	Cleanliness	
✓	Appliances	
✓	Menus posted	
✓	Knives locked	
✓	Food stored properly	
✓	Chemicals stored properly	
✓	Quantity - 1 week supply	Deep freezer and two refrigerator
✓	Fresh fruits/ vegetables	
✓	Special Diet provisions	
✓	Fire Extinguisher	
	<b>Bathrooms</b>	<b>Notes</b>
✓	Cleanliness	
✓	Smell	
✓	Mold/ Mildew	
✓	Any safety hazards	



	<b>Bedrooms</b>	<b>Notes</b>
✓	Cleanliness	
✓	Personal space	
✓	Age appropriate decor	There was minimal décor. I would be nice to see more diversity in the pictures, and positive and welcoming décor through out the facility that may the space feel like a home.
✓	Fire/Smoke alarms	
✓	Any safety hazards	
	<b>Common Areas</b>	<b>Notes</b>
✓	Cleanliness	
✓	Homelike setting	
✓	Fire/ Smoke alarms	
✓	Any safety hazards	

**Exterior:**

	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Notes</b>
✓	Satisfactory appearance	
✓	Play areas/ clear space	There was no space that encouraged play. It would be nice to see more footballs, basketball, tennis rackets, etc. For the youth to enjoy.
✓	Windows	
✓	Any safety hazards	

**Questions for the Youth:**

(Assume quotation marks)

Three (3) youth were interviewed

<b>1</b>	<b>How old are you</b>	17 yrs
<b>2</b>	<b>What school do you attend</b>	Val Verde Adult School
<b>3</b>	<b>What do you like about this home</b>	He enjoys the food the most
<b>4</b>	<b>What would you change about this home</b>	He would prefer to have his own room
<b>5</b>	<b>Do you have bedding, hygiene supplies, drawer and closet space</b>	yes

6	Do you have clothes and shoes that fit	yes
7	Where do you keep your private property	yes
8	What are the phone call rules	unknown
9	Do you have visitors	no
10	Do you feel supported at this home	yes
11	How long have you been here	9 months
12	Have you been in other group homes	yes
13	Can you explain the rules, responsibilities and grievance procedure	no
14	How quickly do staff and/or county social workers respond to needs	The respond right away
15	What do you do on Sundays	Go on outings

Evaluate overall quality of facility: Guiding Light Home for Boys and an amazing resource for the youth who reside there and the community. I feel like the overall quality of the facility is okay and it appears that the Basic expectations of the facility are being met, but there seems to be no expectation to go above the minimum Requirements. During our visit there were youth that completed missed school without a valid reason. The two Young men that were attending nontraditional schools appear to not have a productive routine. I would highly Recommend implementing trafficking education for the youth and not just the staff.

**IF CORRECTIVE ACTION IS REQUIRED, PLEASE PHOTOGRAPH THE ITEMS TO BE CITED**

**Corrective Action Notification?**

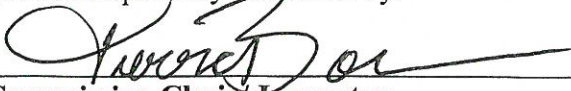
**List Items to be included in Corrective Action Notification letter:**

1	Complete dining area for the youth to sit and have dinner
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**Have you completed the new requirements for accreditation pursuant to AB403?**

**If not, what is the estimated time of completion? N/A**

Inspection respectfully conducted by:

  
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 Commission Chair/Inspector

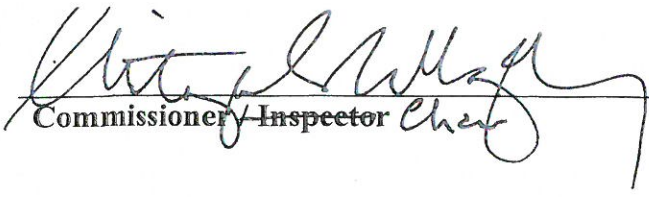
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 Commissioner / Inspector

11-7-22

Date

  
Commissioner / Inspector *Chris*

11-15-2022  
Date

cc: Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Superior Court  
Chief Probation Officer  
Community Care Licensing  
Director of Group Home

Director of Behavioral Health  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors  
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**JUVENILE JUSTICE and DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION**

Christopher Collopy, Chair  
Michael Malsed, Vice-Chair  
Tierra Bowen, Secretary-Treasurer

December 12, 2022

Guiding Light Home for Boys, Inc.  
Attn: Audrey Vermilion - Clinical Director  
26624 Saffron Circle  
Moreno Valley, CA 92555

Re: 09/06/2022  
JJJPC Inspection  
**Corrective Action Item(s)**

Dear Ms. Vermilion:

This refers to the referenced September 6, 2022, inspection report performed by Mr. Charles Trembley and Tierra Bowen on behalf of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC). The enclosed copy of our inspection report identifies area(s) examined during the inspection. Within these area(s), the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and agency records, observation, and interviews with personnel and youth within Guiding Light Home for Boys, Inc.

In this report, no items of noncompliance were identified during this inspection. However, one matter was identified which needed management attention. This item is documented in the report under List Items to be included in the Corrective Notification letter.

**Corrective Action Item(s):**

- Complete dining area for the youth to sit and have dinner.

Please advise us in writing within thirty days concerning your intended action for the above item, including completion date.

Sincerely,

Christopher Collopy,  
Chair, JJJPC

Enclosure: 09/26/2022 - JJJPC Inspection Report - Guiding Light Home for Boys, Inc.

cc w/encl: Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Superior Court  
Chief Probation Officer  
Community Care Licensing  
Director of Group Home  
JJJPC Commission Central files

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