



Licensed Child Caring Agency Unannounced Site Visit Report

Licensee: Homestead

Executive Director: Elisa Doeblir-Irvine

Date of Unannounced: March 15th, 2021

Licensing Coordinator: Ed Wyller

Other Regulatory or Accrediting Agencies: Oregon Youth Authority

Purpose: Per OAR 413-215-0101 (1) (b) Children's Care Licensing is required to perform at least one unannounced site visit a year where children in care reside.

Previous Findings: Unannounced Site Visit 10/13/2020 Residential Care	Repeat Findings Further Action Needed	Comments
413-215-0021(2)(f) Formally evaluate the exec. Director's performance annually: Executive Director Elisa Doeblir-Irvine has informed the Board that this is a requirement. At time of unannounced visit, the Board has yet to provide a formal evaluation of Elisa Doeblir-Irvine's performance.	Yes ☐ No ☒	Joan Howard Board Chair for Homestead Youth and Family Services completed a performance evaluation on Executive Director Elisa Doeblir-Irvine. DHS CCLP received the evaluation regarding Elisa Doeblir-Irvine on 12/15/2020. This is no longer a finding.
Missing completed Tax Compliance Certification: Homestead Youth and Family Services has not provided DHS CCLP with a completed tax compliance certificate.	Yes ☐ No ☒	Homestead Youth and Family Services provided a completed tax compliance certificate dated 1/21/21. This is no longer a finding.

New Findings from Site Visit	Comments
413-215-0516 Residential Care Agencies: Room and Space Requirements A residential care agency must meet all the following room and space requirements: (3) Bedrooms. Bedrooms for children in care may not be exposed to drafts, odors, or noises that interfere with the health or safety of the occupants. Each bedroom must comply with all of the following requirements:(h) Have a window covering on each window to ensure privacy.	One bedroom was missing bedroom window covering. Other bedroom coverings had holes. It appears youth may have made these holes to look out. During youth interviews one youth indicated that it was scary having a room without curtains. 413-215-0516 (3) (h) states each bedroom should have a window covering on each window to ensure privacy.

Interview Summary
I interviewed three youth on March 15th, 2021 onsite at Homestead Youth and Family Services. All three-youth reported that they feel safe in the program. One youth indicated that “not having curtains on windows is scary”. This was a finding identified during the tour and confirmed during youth interviews. Homestead Youth and Family Services have both a residential program and a proctor program. Programming between the two programs is fluid and youth will go between programs depending on the level of services required to meet the current needs of the youth. On a scale from (0-10 where 0 = worst program in the State and 10 = best program in the State) youth reported Homestead Youth and Family Services overall program to be a: 7, 7, and 8.5. Two of the youth are currently in foster program and have spent majority time in Residential Program. These youth on the same scale rated the Residential program to be a 6, and 7.5. These same youth on the same scale rated their foster homes to be a 9 and 9.5. Two youth reported this is their first program placement, and they are thankful to be placed at Homestead. These youth reported that when talking with other youth, they feel they are at a good program and are on track to go home. All youth were able to identify skills they are learning: impulse control, positive self-talk, radical acceptance, how to process emotions, think more logically, think with brain, not catastrophizing, and not rushing through treatment. Youth reported food at residential center to be: “alright”, “food is good, not terrible but not great”, and the other youth reported food is “really good” and reports enjoying the “western soup”. Youth reported the following recreational activities at Homestead Youth and Family Services: Basketball at recreation center, playing softball and kickball at the Roundup Facility, video games, tv, reading, ping pong, and playing cards. One youth reported he enjoyed going to the Umatilla Reservation and assisting in putting together food boxes for families during Thanksgiving.

Observations

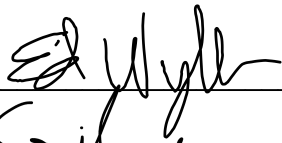
During the tour I noted that the shower, that used to have mold concerns, continues to be mold free. Program installed an exhaust ventilation system that has addressed this previous finding. I witnessed the new plexiglass barrier that is used for on-site visitation for parents, family, and support persons. In addition, I witnessed the plexiglass barriers for the teachers as they continue to provide on-site education. Youth reported the teachers are great. During my tour I witnessed youth lunch and class time, and this was organized. During class there were classrooms downstairs being used, and the upstairs was being utilized to split the groups up into smaller cohort groups. I met and spoke with all staff and teachers during my tour. I witnessed positive interactions between both staff / teachers and youth at Homestead Youth and Family Services. Ryan Heath, Residential Supervisor, provided the tour. I debriefed with Elisa Doeblir-Irvine and Ryan Heath Residential Supervisor upon the conclusion of the visit.

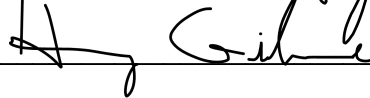
Corrective Actions and Timeframes:

Please submit the following to verify compliance. Within 45 days of receipt of this report **Homestead Youth and Family Services** must submit a letter of verification indicating the agency is in compliance with the specific rules cited above and describing how compliance will be maintained going forward. Along with the letter of verification, the agency must submit any and all specific documentation requested in the body of this report. The letter of verification and any additional requested documents can be emailed directly to Ed Wyller edward.wyller@dhsosha.state.or.us or sent by regular mail to the following address:

Due to Covid-19 pandemic and working remotely the preferred method is to send directly to Ed Wyller at his email address.

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Licensing Coordinator's Signature:  Date: 3-29-21

Manager Review:  Date: 03-21-2021