



Licensed Child Caring Agency Unannounced Site Visit Report

Licensee: New Vision Wilderness Program

Executive Director: Andrew Scott

Program Director(s): Rachel Grimm

Date of Unannounced: 06/07/2021

Licensing Coordinator: Irvin Minten

Other Regulatory or Accrediting Agencies: National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs, Advanced Education

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 06-16-2020	Repeat Findings Further Action Needed	Comments
Governance 413-215-0021(1)(b). The program's board consisted of only 4 board members. "The program's board consists of only 4 board members. The program must have at least five board members to meet the statute requirements." REPEAT FINDING	Yes ☐ No ☒	The program's board now consists of 5 members and the composition of the board meets the statute requirements.
Governance 413-215-0021(2). As of the 2-year review in October 2019, the	Yes ☐ No ☒	The program obtained an independent financial audit for both 2019 and 2020.

program had yet to obtain an annual independent financial review or audit of their financial records. "The program has yet to obtain an annual independent financial audit for 2019. The program can request an exception to the annual independent financial audit requirements once the program's board consists of at least five board members." REPEAT FINDING		
Disclosures 413-215-0918(2)(d). The child files did not contain a disclosure for orientation procedures. "The program's child files do not contain a disclosure for orientation procedures." REPEAT FINDING	Yes ☐ No ☒	The program's child files now contain a disclosure for orientation procedures.

New Findings from Site Visit	Comments
There were not any new findings from the unannounced site visit.	

Interview Summary
During the unannounced site visit, an extensive amount of conversation took place with Andrew Scott, Executive Director and Daniel Kikkert, Director of Operations. In addition, there was discussion with Tracie Schuman, Office Manager, at which time one of the program's electronic child files was reviewed. In addition, random and individual interviews were held at one of the program's field sites with 2 staff and 3 youth. The field site we visited was randomly selected at the time of the unannounced site visit. During discussion with Mr. Scott and Mr. Kikkert, it was discussed that the program has been experiencing staffing shortages, and this has resulted in the program having to decrease the number of youth and adult field groups from a total of 6 to a total of 4. The program's staff training was also discussed.

Interview Summary
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During interviews with the 2-field staff, it was reported they felt well trained and equipped to do their job. Field staff also reported a positive culture within the organization and one which allowed for continued learning and for staff at all levels to question a decision if they had concerns. The staff also indicated that although the job was taxing, they enjoyed seeing progress in the youth over their enrollment in the program, and that during the course of their employment the job has allowed them to learn a great deal about themselves. The staff also reported that they felt supported by their supervisors and managers. Staff indicated that there is good communication between the program's therapist and managers about each individual youth's unique issues at the time of admission as well as any issues which arise in the course of each youth's treatment.

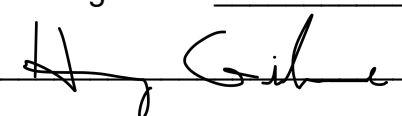
During interviews with the 3 youth, they all reported they felt safe in the program, both during the day and while at night while they slept in their individual, one-person tent. They also all reported that they felt staff were sufficiently trained to assist them with their treatment issues. All of the youth also reported that they felt the program was providing them the opportunity to improve their skills to manage their behavior, communication, and emotions. One of the youths, who had been enrolled in the program for about 30 days, stated that since she has never liked the outdoors, she wished she were not enrolled in the program.

Observations

During the unannounced site review, I was able to observe a girl's group which consisted of six youth between the ages of 14 to 17. I was also able to observe the area where the youth slept and cooked their meals.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by email at Irvin.minten@dhsosha.state.or.us or by phone at 503/428-1355.

Licensing Coordinator's Signature:  Date: 06-10-2021

Manager Review:  Date: 06-09-2021