



Licensed Child Caring Agency Unannounced Residential Site Visit Report

Licensee: J Bar J Youth Services

Executive Director: Stephanie Alvstad

Board Chairperson(s): Jeannette McKenzie

Date of Unannounced: October 27th, 2021

Licensing Coordinator: Ed Wyller

Other Regulatory or Accrediting Agencies: Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), Council on Accreditation (COA)

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 12-16-2020 No Findings	Repeat Findings Further Action Needed	Comments
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New Findings from Site Visit	Comments
413-215-0511 (2)(c) All areas of buildings where children in care are present must be kept clean and in good repair. Major appliances and heating, ventilation, plumbing, and electrical systems must be functional and in good repair.	• The Ranch: The Accord building had a broken window where the front door opened into the window and broke it. The Ranch has installed a door stopper to prevent this from occurring in the future. Program reports window is on back order for one month. The Accord building also had a youth's bedroom door with a hole the size of a fist. Youth's bedroom was adjacent to the restroom. • J5: Outdoor recreation area has not been in use due to construction of a new County Building. During my inspection I found the yard was in poor condition without grass, and it was muddy. During my inspection found construction materials such as metal sharps and glass in the J5 recreation area.

Interview Summary

- **The Ranch:** I met with two youth during school time at The Ranch. I met with each youth individually in a side conference room from a classroom. Youth reported feeling safe at The Ranch. On a scale from 0-10 (0=worst program 10=best program) One youth reported The Ranch to be a 9 and if it was closer to home it would be a 10. The other youth rated The Ranch a 6 and reported it to be the best program he has been in. He reports having been in 8 programs. Both reported the food to be good and one noted that it is “healthy and fresh”. Regarding skills learned at The Ranch youth reported coping skills, anger management, and how to correct behaviors / interrupt inappropriate behaviors. One youth reported he enjoyed school and gets help from his teacher. Staff were described as “helpful”, “good”, “respectful”, and “have a good view on life”. Youth reported they enjoy the recreation opportunities at the Ranch. Youth reported playing basketball, football, soccer, and capture the flag.
- **J5:** I met with two youth as they were finishing breakfast chores and starting school for the day. I met with each youth individually in the manager’s office to ensure privacy during the youth interviews. Youth reported they feel safe at J5. On a scale from 0-10 (0=worst program 10=best program) Youth reported J5 to be a 7, and 8. Regarding J5 food one youth reported “love the food here”. The other youth reported food to be “good enough”. For fun youth reported playing card games, pickle ball, volleyball, TV, video games, and reading. Regarding skills learned at J5 one youth reported they need to choose to follow what they have learned in skills group. The other youth reported learning coping skills that the program has assisted them with handling depression and anxiety. Their approach of one day at a time has helped them. One youth is working on career and college readiness and the other youth is currently working on job outreach program. One youth reported after the recent Covid-19 outbreak they are not going out as much for recreation or outings to the community.

Observations

- **The Ranch:** I observed all youth and employees wearing masks. Currently two youth were in quarantine for Covid-19. While touring the vocational center I learned about the program regarding tiny homes that are built for the local Veterans Village. This vocational center also can conduct on site GED testing and youth can attain OSHA certifications. Since my last visit to The Ranch, they have invested \$62,000 in a new restroom facility with new showers including one ADA shower. New protocol of only one youth in at a time in restroom has been a newer safety precaution. The Accord building has new flooring and new cameras in common areas. The Ranch common area has moved to more tables during Covid-19 and the youth enjoy playing Magic cards and program has Magic tournaments on the weekends.
- **J5:** I observed all youth and employees wearing masks. I observed youth conducting morning chores, staff administering medication, and teachers and youth getting ready for the school day. The youth and staff interactions I observed were respectful. J5 has a new tv that can be rolled out for use and is used for movies and Yoga.

Corrective Actions and Timeframes:

Please submit the following to verify compliance.

Within 45 days of receipt of this report **J Bar J Youth 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: Ed Wyller Date: 11-17-2021
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