



Licensed Child Caring Agency Unannounced Site Visit Report

Licensee: JBARJ Youth Services

Executive Director: Stephanie Alvstad

Board Chairperson: Jeanette McKenzie

Programs: J5, The Ranch

Date of Unannounced: November 1st, 2022 and November 2nd, 2022

Licensing Coordinator: Ed Wyller

Other Regulatory or Accrediting Agencies: Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) and Council of 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	Repeat Findings Further Action Needed	Comments
Safety – Transportation 413-215-0541 (5)(b) Vehicle has insurance policy, is smoke free, safe operating condition, and has first aid kit and fire extinguisher 2-A:10-BC J5 missing up to date car insurance policy	Yes ☐ No ☒	Both J5 and The Ranch had proof of vehicle insurance through July 1 st , 2023.
Consents 413-215-0576(1) (e) Allow access as defined in 413-215-0091 & 0101 J5 and Ranch missing consents to allow access as defined in 413-215-0091 & 0101.	Yes ☒ No ☐	Repeated Finding: Both J5 and The Ranch youth charts were missing the consents to allow access as defined in 413-215-0091 and 0101.

Additional Findings Related to SB 710: 413-215-0077 (8)(e): Update Policy regarding restraints and seclusion 413-215-0077 (11)(e): Each child agency shall provide notice regarding how to access the quarterly reports to the parents or guardians of children in care in the program. The child caring agency shall provide the notice upon the child in care's admission and at least two times each year thereafter.	Yes✓ No□	JBARJ Agency has updated policy regarding restraints and seclusion, and this is no longer a finding for J5 or The Ranch. Repeated Finding: J5 and The Ranch youth files did not have documentation indicating that the information required by 413-215-0077 (11) (e) was provided at the time of admissions. JBARJ Agency has developed the required forms however they have not been implemented in the residential programs.
Additional Findings Related to SB 710: 413-215-0078 (1) Each child in care receiving services from a child caring agency must be given the following: (a) Instruction regarding how a child in care may report suspected inappropriate use of restraint or seclusion. (b) Assurance that the child in care will not experience retaliation for reporting suspected inappropriate uses of restraint or involuntary seclusion. (c) The telephone number for the toll-free child abuse hotline described in ORS 417.805 and the telephone numbers and electronic mail addresses for the program's licensing agency, the child in care's caseworker, and attorney, the child in care's court appointed special advocate and Disability Rights Oregon.	Yes✓ No□	Repeated Finding: J5 and The Ranch youth files did not have documentation of the information described in by 413-215-0078 (1) having been provided to children in care. JBARJ Agency has developed the required forms however they have not been implemented in the residential programs. Note I observed the OYA letter "Youth Safety Guide" posted in J5 for youth to read regarding their rights.

New Findings from Site Visit	Comments
N/A	Good work!

Interview Summary
J5: I interviewed two youth separately in an open pod dayroom away from staff to ensure privacy. Youth were currently on-site in school during my time at J5. Youth reported that they feel safe at J5. Youth reported as the following regarding J5 “welcoming, get our own privacy, everyone is nice, staff treat everyone fairly, let everyone have an opportunity, and offer help”. On a scale from 0-10 (0=worst program in State, 10=best program in State), Youth ranked J5 as a 9, and 9.5 on that scale. When asked what has been learned at J5, the following was reported: How to control anger and how to use money. Youth reported participating in groups on Substance use/abuse and Positive peer interactions”. School was reported to be good, and one youth reported they are on their way to attain their GED. Youth reported food to be good and that they get enough food to eat. Both reported Burger Fridays to be their favorite meal. One noted they enjoy the fried egg on their burger. For fun youth reported playing basketball, playing dominos, cards, Xbox, and foosball. Youth also reported playing cornhole and football on the new grass. One youth reported that J5 celebrated Halloween with snacks and candy. The Ranch: I interviewed two youth separately in the Program Directors office in the vocational education building. The youth in the vocation/education building were preparing for a small engine test that will be at the Central Oregon Community College (COCC) campus the next day. On a scale from 0-10 (0=worst program in State, 10=best program in the State) youth reported The Ranch to be an 8, and a 9. Food was reported to be “good”, “some is good, and some is bad”. It was reported that every Sunday the youth purchase \$15.00 worth of snacks. One youth reported that there are lots of opportunities at The Ranch. This youth reported they are a graduate and attending COCC and they were able to work at the JBARJ horse show. Both youths reported being involved in treatment groups and having learned skills since being at The Ranch. One youth spoke of learning to control their emotions and how to avoid situations that often lead to being upset. Youth reported the following activities to do at The Ranch for recreational fun: On-stie basketball, going to indoor basketball / soccer, watching tv, playing guitar, working out at weight room, and playing video games. For offsite trips youth reported the following: OMSI, museums, bowling, going to movies, going to local lakes, and going to rock gym. When asked if they could improve the program, both youths were displeased with the school physical education class and would prefer not to have to take it.

Observations
J5: When I arrived the J5 management team was conducting interviews for J5 positions. Both pods are now open. Currently there are 8 youth on one pod and 6 youth on the other pod. Building was clean and organized and youth were actively engaged in school during my visit. The Ranch: The vocational program continues to grow, allowing youth many opportunities. Five youth recently earned wildland fire certifications through Wildland Firefighting School. Another youth is going to Fagan Beauty School. Youth can also learn small engine repair and participate in the Paxton/Patterson building skill program, which gives youth hands-on building experience. Youth continue to partner with various community partners in building tiny homes for community members in need of housing. The Ranch continues to invest in facility improvement. Since last visit, the recreation room has new flooring and a new front door. The level 2 youth bathroom was remodeled. There is a new window in dorm, and recent siding work has been completed. There is new flooring new and new kitchen. A grant will be utilized to update flooring in the level 1 dorm in the future.

Corrective Actions and Timeframes:

Please submit the following to verify compliance.

Within 45 days of receipt of this report JBARJ 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

Licensing Coordinator's Signature:  Date: 11/17/2022

Manager Review:   Date: 11-16-2022