



Licensed Child Caring Agency Unannounced Site Visit Report

Licensee: JBARJ Youth Services – The Academy at Sisters

Executive Director: Stephanie Alvstad

Program Director: Melinda Hare

Board Chairperson: Jeannette McKenzie

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

Licensing Coordinator: Ed Wyller

Other Regulatory or Accrediting Agencies: National Association of Therapeutic Schools Programs, Inc (NATSAP), Council on Accreditation, Cognia, and Sevis approved

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
Physical Plant 413-215-0616(2)(a) &(c) Buildings are smoke free, clean and in good repair Carpet in main hallway was soiled. Carpet was installed last year and reported to have been recently steam cleaned. Student bathroom sink clogged in modular bathroom.	Yes ☒ No ☐	Carpet in hallway has been removed and replaced with tile that matches tile throughout the building. This is no longer a finding. Repeated Finding: Bathroom in modular is very slow to drain, program reports a work order will be made for that to be addressed. At time of visit the modular is not being used as all students are in the main building for sleeping arrangements.
Safety – Transportation 413-215-0641 (5)(b) Vehicle has insurance policy, is smoke free, safe operating condition, and has first	Yes ☐ No ☒	All vehicles were inspected and had fire extinguishers and vehicle insurance that is valid through July 1, 2023.

aid kit and fire extinguisher 2-A:10-BC Vehicles were missing fire extinguishers and current proof of insurance.		
Consents 413-215-0676(1) (e) To allow access as required in ORS418.305, OAR413-215-0091 & 0101 Consents were missing to allow access as required in ORS418.305, OAR413-215-0091 & 0101	Yes✓ No□	Repeated Finding: The Academy student 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 The Academy Repeated Finding: The academy student charts did not have documentation indicating that the info required by 413-215-0077 (11) (e) had been provided at the time of admissions. JBARJ Agency has developed the required forms; however, they have not been implemented at The Academy.
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	Yes✓ No□	Repeated Finding: The Academy student charts did not have documentation indicating the information required by 413-215-0078 (1) had been given to youth in care. JBARJ Agency has developed the required forms; however, they have not been implemented at The Academy.

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

Interview Summary
I interviewed two students, one at a time, in a private office away from other students and Academy staff. On a scale from 0-10 (0=worst school, 10 =best school) they reported The Academy to be an 8.5, and a 9 on that scale. Both students reported feeling safe at The Academy. Food at The Academy was described as amazing. Students reported that David is a Chef from five-star restaurant. He will garnish the food and takes time to make special meals for those of need of dietary accommodations, such as dairy free and gluten free. Both students reported being involved in numerous groups, such as DBT, feedback, equine therapy, goal setting, self-image, and real-world problems groups. One student spoke about individual counseling and family therapy that they are in involved in. Both students spoke highly of the school and the teacher. Both reported doing better at this school academically and learning. One student reported, "really liking the school, the math program and the different teaching style". They also reported, "school is personalized". Students reported going on outings into the community to watch moves and go bowling. They also reported going shopping at Ross and, in particular, enjoy going to Dutch Bros coffee. A recent outing was going to the Pumpkin Patch near Smith Rock. On-site, students reported playing cards, solitaire, movie night, and volunteering to help with horses. If given a magic wand that could change the program within reason, the youth reported they would want more junk foods, extended phone calls, and to have a bathroom in the school building.

Observations
I observed a new gas fireplace insert that was on during a staff meeting. I observed new tile in main living room. The new tile was extended down the hallway to student bedrooms and bathrooms. At the time of the previous visit, the carpet in hallway was dirty. New additions and improvements were nicely done. The kitchen has been remodeled, and a new refrigerated salad bar has been added as well. The wellness/yoga room had newly donated gym equipment. I observed students in the classroom setting interacting calmly with each other and the teacher. It was reported to me that the classroom will be remodeled, and a bathroom will be added. Later in my unannounced visit I observed students getting ready for lunch.

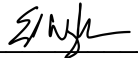
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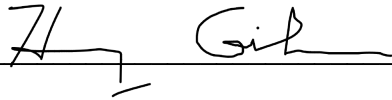
Please submit the following to verify compliance.

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

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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