



## Licensed Child Caring Agency Unannounced Site Visit Report Residential Care

**Licensee:** Josephine County Juvenile Department – Turning Point

**Executive Director:** James Goodwin (Juvenile Department Director)

**Program Director(s):** Jennifer Horst

**Date of Unannounced:** 3.20.2023

**Licensing Coordinator:** Jorge Pelinski, Ed Wyller

**Other Regulatory or Accrediting Agencies:** Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Treatment Services

**Purpose:** Per OAR 419-400-0240 (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<br>Unannounced Site Visit 09/21/2022 – No<br>findings | Repeat<br>Findings<br>Further Action<br>Needed                      | Comments                                                                    |
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| None                                                                    | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No previous Findings found at unannounced site visit completed on 9.21.2022 |
|                                                                         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                                                             |

| New Findings from Site Visit | Comments                                                                                                 |
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| None                         | This area is not required as there were no new findings from site visit that was completed on 3.20.2023. |

### Interview Summary

During the unannounced review we met with two youth and interviewed Program Manager Jennifer Horst.

- Both youths interviewed stated things were going well at the program.
- Both youths enjoy going on outings. One youth shared that he enjoys writing his own music and playing basketball. Another youth talked about enjoying the opportunity to go to the YMCA for recreation and taking trips to the park.
- Both youths confirmed that they receive enough food to eat, and snacks are provided regularly.
- Both youths make daily phone calls.
- Both youths feel respected in the program.
- Both youths feel safe in the program and feel comfortable talking with staff.

Program Manager shared that three kids in the program have graduated in the last two months. The Program Manager has reported that the acuity of referrals has been higher than they are used too. The program is providing a lot of training for staff. Staffing continues to be a challenge; but the program is doing their best to hire people. The program recently hired new staff. The program recently purchased three new chairs through grants they received through OYA. The plan is to get more furniture for the youth. The program is looking into the possibility of more cameras for outside the facility, including the garden.

### Observations

Staff and youth were observed at the programs during the unannounced review. The youth that were at the programs, in general, appeared to be at ease and comfortable in the environment. Staff informed this writer that one of the youths was struggling and was thinking of running away from the program while we were present for the inspection. Sammy Shires (Mental Health Therapist) informed me before finishing the inspection that the youth engaged appropriately with staff and decided to go swimming with the other youth and was in better spirits. All areas of the programs (inside and outside) where youth had access were observed to be well kept, clean and in good repair. Medication was observed to be in locked medication carts behind locked rooms and was inaccessible to the youth.

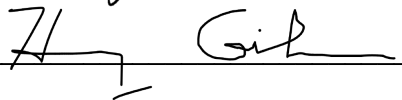
### Corrective Actions and Timeframes:

Please submit the following to verify compliance.

Within 45 days of receipt of this report Josephine County Juvenile Department – Turning Point, 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 Jorge Pelinski @ [jorge.l.pelinski@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:jorge.l.pelinski@dhsosha.state.or.us)

Licensing Coordinator's Signature: Jorge Pelinski Date: 3-28-2023

Manager Review:  Date: 3-27-2023