

**Date:** October 31, 2019

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DLH Danya

Re: Compliance Inspection of the South Texas Family Residential Center

From October 8, 2019 to October 10, 2019, I conducted a monthly inspection at the South Texas Family Residential Center. The following activities were conducted and findings noted:

Standard	Type of Inspection	Finding
1.1 Emergency Plans	Monthly	Compliant
1.2 Environmental Health and Safety	Monthly	Compliant w/ issues
1.3 Transportation by Land	Monthly	Compliant
1.4 Housekeeping and Voluntary Work Program	Monthly	Compliant
2.1 Admissions and Release	Monthly	Compliant
2.2 Contraband	Monthly	Compliant
2.3 Funds and Personal Property	Monthly	Compliant
2.4 Key and Lock Control	Monthly	Compliant
2.5 Resident Census	Monthly	Compliant
2.6 Searches of Residents	Monthly	Compliant
2.7 Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention	Monthly	Compliant
2.8 Staff-Resident Communications	Monthly	Compliant
2.9 Tool Control	Monthly	Compliant
2.10 Use of Physical Control Measures and Restraints	Monthly	Compliant
3.1 Discipline and Behavior Management	Monthly	Compliant
4.1 Food Services	Monthly	Compliant
4.2 Hunger Strikes	Monthly	Compliant
4.3 Medical Care	Monthly	Compliant
4.4 Personal Hygiene	Monthly	Compliant
4.5 Suicide Prevention and Intervention	Monthly	Compliant
4.6 Terminal Illness, Advance Directives and Death	Monthly	Compliant
5.1 Correspondence and Other Mail	Monthly	Compliant
5.2 Educational Policy	Monthly	Compliant
5.3 Escorted Trips for Non-Medical Emergencies	Monthly	Compliant
5.4 Marriage Requests	Monthly	Compliant
5.5 Recreation	Monthly	Compliant
5.6 Religious Practices	Monthly	Compliant
5.7 Telephone Access	Monthly	Compliant
5.8 Visitation	Monthly	Compliant
6.1 Grievance System	Monthly	Compliant
6.2 Law Libraries and Legal Materials	Monthly	Compliant
6.3 Legal Rights Group Presentations	Monthly	Compliant
7.1 Residential Files	Monthly	Compliant
7.2 News Media Interviews and Tours	Monthly	Compliant
7.3 Staff Hiring and Training	Monthly	Compliant
7.4 Transfer of Residents	Monthly	Compliant
7.5 Post Orders	Monthly	Compliant

### **Overall Observations**

• Total population on the first day of inspection: 1,107

• Total number of adult females: 478

Total number of juvenile males: 289Total number of juvenile females: 335

• Total number of school age children: 462

• Average length of stay: 12.75 days

Longest stay: 60 days

- Total number of discharges from August 2, 2019 October 8, 2019: 2,819
- Total number of intakes from August 2, 2019 October 8, 2019: 3,030
- On September 4, 2019 there was a SAAPI incident involving a staff member and a resident. The resident reported to a attorney that a staff member spoke to her in an inappropriate, sexual manner. ICE officials were notified. ICE is handling the investigation and the Dilley police were called. The case was referred to the Office of Professional Responsibility.

## **Current Inspection Findings**

### I. Areas of Noncompliance

There were no areas of noncompliance identified during this inspection.

# **Status of Previously Identified Noncompliant Areas**

### II. Areas of Noncompliance

There are no previously identified areas of noncompliance.

### III. Areas of Compliance with Issues Identified

The facility continues to have issues with artificial grass/turf that needs to be fixed or replaced, a hole in the ground, and other maintenance issues.

#### 1.2 Environmental Health and Safety

Observation(s): I observed tattered and worn artificial grass/turf. The artificial grass/turf was
coming up in several areas around the Yellow Frog 1 housing unit and the recreation area near the
Yellow Frog and Red Parrot housing units. This poses a tripping risk for residents and staff. There

were work orders in place to fix these areas. There was a missing window screen in Yellow Frog 2 and a hole in the ground by the gym near the Green Turtle 1 housing unit. I showed pictures of the areas listed to

**Mitigation(s):** The aforementioned artificial grass/turf issues must be resolved by either securing the turf or replacing it. Core Civic's administration and ICE are discussing a more permanent solution to address the artificial grass/turf issues. The screen in the Yellow Frog 2 needs to be replaced. The hole in the ground near the gym near Green Turtle 1 housing needs to be filled in with dirt. We will continue to monitor these issues.