

**Date:** July 12, 2019

**To:**

**From:**

DLH Danya

**Re:** Compliance Inspection of the South Texas Family Residential Center.

From June 25, 2019 to June 27, 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
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: 1,163
- Total number of adult females: 542
- Total number of juvenile males: 256
- Total number of juvenile females: 365
- Total number of school age children: 517
- Average length of stay: 10.48 days
- Longest stay: 30 days
- Total number of discharges from May 15, 2019 – June 24, 2019: 2,406
- Total number of intakes from May 15, 2019 – June 24, 2019: 2,417

## 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

#### 1.2 Environmental Health and Safety

- **Observation(s):** I observed worn out artificial grass/turf in the recreation area by the Blue Housing Unit. The artificial grass/turf was unattached from the ground in several areas around the Blue Housing Unit/recreation area, which could pose a tripping hazard for residents and staff. *(Observed during May 2019 inspection)*  
**Mitigation(s):** This material should be repaired and secured to the ground or removed as appropriate.  
**Follow-up: Resolved** -- Areas where the artificial turf was unattached or coming unattached were either replaced with new artificial turf and secured to the surface, or re-glued.
- **Observation(s):** I observed grass/weeds around the housing unit signage, particularly around the Blue and Brown Housing Units. *(Observed during May 2019 inspection)*

**Mitigation(s):** The weeds/grass should be cut or removed as appropriate. During the debrief call, facility staff acknowledged that they have a ground keeping plan to address the problem. We will follow up during the next inspection to ensure the plan is being followed.

**Follow-up: Resolved --** The facility has implemented a new plan to ensure that consistent mowing and weeding occurs throughout the entire grounds. The facility's grounds are divided into six zones. Recreation, utility, and relief staff are assigned specific areas and days to monitor and address mowing, weeding, and other landscaping issues. Per facility staff, this plan will continue to be implemented until additional maintenance workers are hired. The weed/grass around the housing unit signage, as well as around the Blue and Brown Housing Units had been mowed and weeded appropriately.