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### **First Step Assessment Center (FSAC):**

The First Step Assessment Center (FSAC) opened on October 15, 2003. This assessment center is located in the Administration Building at OCH and provides a warm and friendly environment for children while relative and non-extended relative family members are being evaluated for placement. Children may remain in the center for up to 23 hours. If there is no approved relative located, other placement resources are considered during this time period in order to locate a family-like placement setting for the child.

Other placement resources include long term foster homes or Emergency Shelter Homes (ESH) depending on the child's circumstances.

### **Number of Children Entering FSAC (07/01/05 ~ 06/30/06):**

Two thousand forty-eight (2,048)

### **FSAC Children not entering OCH:**

Seven hundred ninety-two (792) or 36% of the 2,048 children

### **FSAC Children Placed with:**

- 59% Parent/Relative/Non-Relative Family Members
- 15% Emergency Shelter Homes
- 04% Foster Homes
- 14% Temporary Shelter Facilities
- 04% Courtesy Holds/Juvenile Hall
- 04% Group Homes

## PARTICIPATION

### **Community Involvement:**

In an effort to ease the child's transition to OCH, he/she is involved in a variety of activities in the community, including field trips to athletic events, recreational activities, visits to amusement parks, movies, restaurants, camping, and beach trips. For information regarding these activities, please call 714/935-7571. In addition, Orangewood Children's Home accepts monetary or in-kind donations on behalf of the children from individuals or groups in the community.

### **Volunteers:**

Approximately 250 volunteers are involved in Orangewood, with each making a bimonthly commitment to volunteer with the children. An auxiliary, La Casa, provides direct service to the children by sponsoring parties and activities, arranging fundraisers as well as purchasing furniture, equipment, toys, clothing, and other items for Orangewood. Please call 714/935-7687 for more information. Volunteer group activities are also organized by local churches, auxiliaries, and community support groups.

### **Orangewood Children's Home Management**

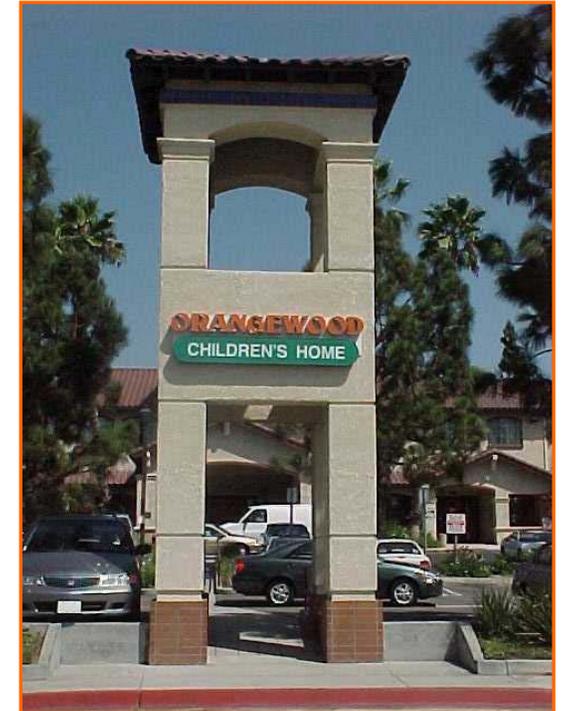
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Gary Taylor, M.S.

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**Facility Manager**  
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## ORANGEWOOD CHILDREN'S HOME



## FACT SHEET JULY 2005 - JUNE 2006

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## **ORANGEWOOD CHILDRENS HOME**



### **Auspices:**

Orangewood Children's Home (OCH) is an Emergency Shelter Care - 24-hour facility operated by the Orange County Social Services Agency with Juvenile Court authority. Dedicated in 1985, it replaced the Albert Sitton Home. The current facility was built through the efforts of a unique public-private partnership between government services and individuals in the community.

### **Current Capacity:**

Orangewood Children's Home became licensed as a group home on July 31, 2001 (Facility Number 306001347). The current bed capacity is 216. During Fiscal Year 2005-2006, care was provided for an average of 115 children per day with monthly averages ranging from 81 to 157. These averages included a census high of 157 during the month of May 2006 and a census low of 76 during the month of September 2005.

### **OCH Budget - Fiscal Year 2005-2006:**

\$21,226,624 / \$542.03 Avg. Cost Per Child/Day

### **Clientele:**

Children who come under the provisions of Section 300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code

### **Age Range:**

Two days old to eighteen years of age

### **Number of Admissions:**

One thousand five hundred eighty-four (1,584) children were admitted to the facility in Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

### **Average Length of Stay in Orangewood:**

Twenty-seven (27) days - with a range of a few hours to several months.

### **Admissions to OCH - by Ethnicity:**

52%	Hispanic
31%	Caucasian
12%	African-American
04%	Asian
.75%	Pacific Islander
.25%	Other

### **Reason for Referral to Orangewood:**

42%	Neglect, lack of care
24%	Abandoned; unable or unavailable to provide care
11%	Physical abuse
12%	Sibling abuse
04%	Emotional abuse
06%	Sexual molestation
01%	Other

### **Releases from Orangewood:**

27%	Placed with relatives
16%	Placed in group homes/institutions
16%	Returned home
23%	Placed in foster homes
17%	Other categories-hospitals, Juvenile Hall, or other County or State Social Services Agencies.
01%	To Emergency Shelter Homes (ESH)

## **PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

### **Education Program:**

Operated on the premises by the Orange County Department of Education, OCH has a year-round school consisting of nine classrooms for grades K through 12 and an on-grounds branch of the Orange County Public Library System. Orangewood direct care staff provide on grounds classroom experience for preschool age children.

### **Assessment and Treatment Services:**

Social workers, counselors, teachers, and psychologists provide casework services, crisis intervention, diagnostic evaluation, psychosocial histories, developmental work-ups, and educational assessments of children requiring our care. Input is provided to the dependency social worker and the Juvenile Court to assist them in making an appropriate disposition in the child's case. The Orangewood Active Therapeutic Teaching Approach (OATTA), a 21<sup>st</sup> century cognitive behavioral model, is used by our direct care staff to assist youth with working on targeted social skills.

Adolescents are involved in group counseling sessions to help them work through many of their emotional and behavioral problems. These sessions may include Stop-Gap, Alateen, peer counseling, and independent living skills.

### **Medical Services:**

A pediatrician and registered nurses provide medical screening and care for all children admitted to OCH on a 24-hour per day basis. Sexual abuse victims are referred to the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) located at 1337 Braden Court, Orange, CA.