

State Finds Violations At Worthington Youth Home

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WORTHINGTON, Ohio — A home for troubled youth that already faces criticism from its neighbors is now defending itself against a flunking state report card, 10TV News reported on Thursday.

Inspectors with Ohio's Department of Job and Family Services found several violations at the United Methodist Children's Home.

Among them were filthy living conditions in some of the High Street facility's six residential cottages, 10TV News reported.

In the report, inspectors reported finding walls covered with graffiti, dirty and ripped carpets, moldy shower curtains and human feces on a floor, 10TV News reported.

Interviews with the staff and children revealed an issue with how children are fed.

Inspectors learned that some of them had to "wait until other children are done eating and wash the other child's bowl before they can eat."

On Thursday, the facility issued a statement refuting some of the findings. It said many of the problems were already addressed, and the worst conditions were in cottages where no children were housed, 10TV News reported.

The United Methodist Children's Home said it planned to appeal some of the findings, and come up with correction plans for others.

In recent months, residents who live near the home have complained about lax security that they say is causing problems in the community.

Over the summer, a Worthington resident suffered a broken arm during an assault by two teens who escaped from the home.

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