# Juvenile Detention Center

Amazing Things Are Happening Here!

#### 655 Independence Drive Medina, Ohio 44256

"We, and our court, do our best to help our kids and their families get on the right track. Our philosophy is to leave no stone unturned in providing them with the resources they need to lead well adjusted, productive lives."

#### Juvenile Court - Judge Kevin W. Dunn

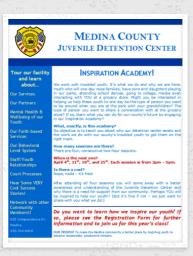
I am continually impressed with the rollout of services and programming flowing from the JDC in an effort to build a culture of success. Many juvenile residents have not been exposed to, nor accepted the fact that the community wants them to improve their outcomes to reach success.

Efforts from the JDC staff have continually attempted to breach this void. Whether a resident is there for a brief or long term commitment, juveniles are provided a bevy of opportunities to receive mental health treatment, substance abuse counseling,



schooling and credit recovery services, to participate in resumé seminars, Art Therapy, Music Therapy, employment fairs, and to be exposed to numerous speakers including authors, and individuals who have overcome obstacles and stand as examples of "getting it done" despite the odds against them.

Most in our community have no idea what occurs in our building; often believing the JDC is part of the adult jail. The JDC is not merely a "building", but rather a place where we begin building young adults for the future. Stop in and see for yourself; or better yet join the upcoming Inspiration Academy to receive a hands-on view and judge for yourself as how Medina County is doing with troubled youth.



#### **Inspiration Academy**

We work with troubled youth. It's what we do and why we are here. Youth who will one day raise families, have sons and daughters playing in our parks, attending school dances, going to college, maybe even interacting with YOU at a grocery store. Might you be interested in helping us help these youth to one day be the type of person you want to be around when you are at the park with your grandchildren? The type of person you want to share a conversation with at the grocery store? If so, learn what you can do for our county's future by engaging in our Inspiration Academy! This is an opportunity to learn about the detention center, why it exists, and the work that is done on a daily basis to get troubled youth back on the right track. The program is free and consists of four consecutive two-hour sessions. Anyone in the community is welcome to participate!

Interested in participating? Visit the <u>Inspiration Academy</u> page for more information and the registration form!

### **Trivia Question of the Month!**



#### **Music Therapy Helps Residents With Emotions**

Madeleine Silver-Riskin, a senior at the College of Wooster majoring in music therapy has started to work with our youth to provide music therapy. Madeleine started in mid-February, under the supervision of her teacher Lalene Kay. Maddie provides two forty-five minute sessions working with three to five residents at a time over the next eight weeks.





#### True Rock Stars Don't Hate

During the month of February, our residents heard from Todd Waites. Todd is a one-armed amazingly talented keyboardist. Todd lost his right arm to cancer as a teen. He spoke about the difficulties and challenges he had to overcome to achieve his dream of being a rock star. Today, Todd is one of the most sought after keyboardists in the world and has played with Journey, Rick Springfield, Whitesnake, Foreigner, Styx, and many others. He was extremely entertaining and engaging with the residents and stressed the value that they have in God's eyes. A big thank you to Dave Mueller, the CEO of RICO Manufacturing for sponsoring this session!

## **Donations Wanted!**

The theme for the 2019 Art Experience event is "Where Words Fail, Music Speaks." We are currently looking for donations of the following:

- old sheet music
- instruments (working or not)
- instrument cases
- picture frames

Donations can be dropped off at the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center during normal business hours.

#### **Medina High School Presentation**

Superintendent Stollar and Assistant Superintendent Millikin gave several presentations to juniors and seniors in sociology classes at Medina High School. They covered several topics such as the court process, daily schedules of the youth, programming, and the most common crimes that bring youth to the JDC. Many of the students were quite surprised at some of the things they learned. Did YOU know our residents don't watch any TV while they are at the JDC? Neither did they!





#### Employee Spotlight: Jackie Maddox - Corrections Officer

Jackie was recently recognized as the 2018 Detention Line Staff Worker of the Year for the State of Ohio. She was honored at the annual conference that took place in Columbus, Ohio. In addition to receiving this award, Jackie was also selected as the 2018 MVP for the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center. The criteria for the 2018 MVP Award included:

- Exhibiting an encouraging and positive disposition
- Demonstrates a willingness to help others
- Performs a high level of quality work
- Performs beyond the scope of his/her regular duties
- Displays concern for our youth
- Always displays ethical conduct

Jackie has been with the JDC for two years as a corrections officer and has a degree from Tiffin University.

#### Click here for past newsletters!

Have you missed a newsletter? We now archive all of our newsletters on our website. Click the link to see previous issues!

#### **Contact Us!**

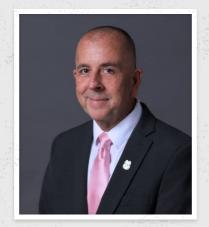
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Judge Kevin W. Dunn - Juvenile Court Ron Stollar -Superintendent Megan Millikin -Assistant Superintendent

"We are making the Medina community a better place by inspiring troubled youth to become responsible, productive citizens."