

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio Community Correction Facility Annual Report Fiscal Year 2024

Mission Statement

The mission of the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio (JRC) is to assist youth and their families in making positive changes that contribute to improved functioning in the home environment, while protecting the community. In collaboration with Courts, families, and other outside service providers, the facility seeks to individualize each youth's treatment and enhance pro-social skill development.

Governing Counties

Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood.

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio is in Bowling Green, Ohio, inside of Wood County. JRC operates as a 42-bed facility, consisting of male felony offenders. As part of the individualized treatment process, youth and families are offered a variety of services, some of which are listed below.

- Individual and Family Counseling services.
- Monthly Parent Groups focus on improving parenting skills, insight into community supervision needs, and overall improvement of the familial relationship.
- Problematic Sexual Behavior, Substance Abuse, and Social Conduct Group Treatment.
- Cognitive Behavioral Groups such as Thinking for a Change, Advanced Practice, Skill Streaming, Thinking Errors, and Options to Anger.
- EMDR (Eye Movement, Desensitization, and Reprocessing) Counseling.
- SELF Group (Safety, Emotions, Loss, Future)- Interventions aimed at addressing previous adverse life experiences.
- Biofeedback monitoring.
- Pet Therapy- Provided by Alliance Therapy Dogs.
- Non-Denominational Religious Services, as well as Individualized Pastoral Services.
- Recreational Programming.
- Community Service Programs.
- In-Person Academic Instruction provided year-round by the Wood County Educational Service Center.
- Transitional and Re-Entry Services.

Part Two Youth Demographics:

Age at Admission

FY 2024										
Facility	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total	Average Age
Northwest	0	3	5	8	16	9	5	0	46	16

Race Demographics

FY 2024							
Facility	White	Black	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Other	Total
Northwest	30	10	0	0	0	6	46

Gender Demographics: Special Note- JRC is an all-male facility.

FY 2024			
Facility	Male	Female	Total
Northwest	46	0	46

Offense Specifics by Felony Level

FY 2024						
Facility	Felony One	Felony Two	Felony Three	Felony Four	Felony Five	Total
Northwest	8	5	8	8	17	46

JRC Admissions by County for Fiscal Year 2024

Governing Counties Admissions

FY 2024 - Total Admissions for Governing Counties											
Facility	Defiance	Fulton	Hancock	Henry	Ottawa	Paulding	Putnam	Van Wert	Williams	Wood	Total
Northwest	9	1	2	0	2	1	6	2	3	3	29

Outside Catchment Area Admissions

FY 2024 - Total Admissions for Outside Catchment Area

Facility	Allen	Athens	Auglaize	DYS	Hardin	Lorain	Licking	Lucas	Marion	Sandusky	Tuscarawas	Wayne	Total
Northwest	1	1	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	17

Total Admissions Fiscal Year 2024: 46

Discharges from Fiscal Year 2024

FY 2024 - Discharges			
Successful Discharges	Unsuccessful Discharges	Maximum Benefit	Total
21	13	6	40

Interventions and Treatment Services

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio offers individualized treatment services based upon a youth's specific needs and assessment results. Additionally, JRC is committed to utilizing treatment curriculum that is supported by research, often developed from the University of Cincinnati, and then utilized in practice at the facility.

Family Intervention Services

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio partnering with juvenile courts, requires the parents of each youth to participate in family counseling services. On average, sessions are held every 21 days. In addition to family counseling, parents participate in two monthly parent groups that are intended to compliment the treatment program received by the youth. The overarching goal is to educate parents on specific treatment topics and having a more productive relationship with their child upon their return to the community. In addition, residents receive one in-person, one virtual visit, and one phone call per

week from approved family members. It should be noted the facility also utilizes video conferencing to assist in coordinating family counseling for families who are unable to get to the facility.

Fiscal Year 2024 Family Visitation and Off Ground Visitation

FY 2024 – Visitation Statistics			
Facility	Family Visits on Site	Off Ground Visit Passes	Family Sessions Completed
Northwest	2408	359	428

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment

All residents are required to attend individual mental health sessions on a weekly basis with their assigned counselors. Residents are referred to community mental health providers and psychological or psychiatric services as needed.

All residents are required to attend Thinking for a Change group, which is an integrated, cognitive behavioral change program for youth. The group includes topics related to cognitive restructuring, social skill development, and learning problem-solving skills. In addition, residents participate in groups with a variety of topics that are based on their individualized treatment plan; those groups include topics covering anger management, trauma, social skills, and identifying and correcting thinking errors.

Problematic Substance Abuse Treatment

Residents identified with known substance abuse issues attend group two times per week. This intervention relies on a cognitive-behavioral approach to teach participants strategies for avoiding substance abuse and success planning for the future. The program places heavy emphasis on skill-building activities to assist with cognitive, social, emotional, and coping skill development. The components of the curriculum include Cognitive Restructuring, Emotional Regulation, Social Skills, Problem Solving, and Success Planning. The primary curriculum used in this group is Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse; obtained from the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute.

FY 2024 – Mental Health and Substance Abuse Group Statistics			
Facility	Mental Health	Substance Abuse	Individual Sessions
Northwest	6527.3 hours	1420.6 hours	2,432 hours

Sexual Behavior and Gender Specific Programming

Residents who are identified with a need for sexual behavior treatment are referred to attend and complete sexual behavior treatment group while in placement. This group covers a wide range of topics including honesty and accountability, healthy sexual boundaries, impulse control, victim empathy, and success planning.

FY 2024 – Sexual Behavior Treatment Statistics		
Facility	Sexual Behavior Treatment	Gender Specific Programming
Northwest	2218.5 hours	Not Offered

Assessments

OYAS

The Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) Residential tool is completed on all residents entering the facility. The tool provides residential programs the ability to accurately assess youth level of risk along with areas of criminogenic need. The Residential tool addresses seven domain areas that include Juvenile Justice History, Family and Living Arrangements, Peers and Social Support Network, Education and Employment, Pro-Social Skills, Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Personality, as well as Values, Attitudes and Beliefs. It should be noted that the OYAS is specifically designed to address criminogenic factors and does not address treatment needs for youth adjudicated of a sexual offense. The youth adjudicated of a sexual offense typically score lower on the OYAS, which is not reflective of their true risk level.

The Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) Re-Entry tool is completed on all residents who successfully complete the program and is used to reassess youth every six months, or when clinically indicated. The Re-Entry tool assesses the same domains as the Residential Tool, but is scored based on the youth's progress in their treatment.

Fiscal Year 2024 – OYAS Assessment Results at Admission Statistics			
Facility	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Northwest	0	28	18

Fiscal Year 2024 – OYAS Assessment Results at Successful Discharge Statistics			
Facility	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Northwest	15	7	5

PROFESOR

The Protective + Risk Observations For Eliminating Sexual Offense Recidivism (PROFESOR) is a structured checklist to assist professionals in identifying and summarizing protective and risk factors for adolescents and emerging adults (i.e. individuals aged 12 to 25) who have offended sexually. It is intended to assist with planning interventions that can help individuals to enhance their capacity for sexual and relationship health and, thus, eliminate sexual recidivism. It is important to note that it is designed to assess a person's current functioning, which this instrument determines to be during the previous two months

Fiscal Year 2024 – PROFESOR Assessment Results at Admission			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	0	5	12

Fiscal Year 2024 – PROFESOR Assessment Results at Successful Discharge			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	13	3	0

YNPS

The Youth Needs and Progress Scale (YNPS) is a 22-item rating scale designed to help identify risk-relevant intervention needs, and track progress toward resolving those needs, among individuals aged 12 to 25 who have engaged in abusive sexual behavior. *Abusive sexual behavior* includes contact or noncontact nonconsenting, coercive, and/or assaultive sexual activities and sexual behavior involving significantly younger persons.

Fiscal Year 2024 – YNPS Assessment Results at Admission			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	0	5	12

Fiscal Year 2024 – YNPS Assessment Results at Successful Discharge			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	13	3	0

Additional Assessments

It should be noted the following assessments are completed on all youth admitted to the facility.

HIT (How I Think): Measures Cognitive Distortions, comprised of Self Centeredness, Blaming Others, Minimizing/Mislabeling, and Assuming the Worst.

MAYSI-II (Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument): Measures traumatic experiences, alcohol and drug use, anger, depression, and suicide ideations.

JASAE (Juvenile Automated Substance Abuse Survey): Assesses drug and alcohol issues and establishes need for treatment.

ACE (Adverse Childhood Experience): Assesses past exposure of adverse childhood events.

BCE (Benevolent Childhood Experiences): Identifies positive life experiences that happen in childhood.

URICA (University of Rhode Island Change Assessment): Assesses what level of internal motivation to change the youth possesses at point of assessment.

CAS (Clinical Anger Scale): Assesses for levels of clinical anger that need to be addressed through treatment interventions.

Average Length of Stay

Fiscal Year 2024 – Average Length of Stay Statistics					
Facility	Problematic Sexual Behavior Treatment Track	Problematic Substance Abuse Treatment Track	Problematic Social Conduct Treatment Track	Dual Track- PSA/PSC	Total Average Length of Stay
Northwest	406 days- 13.34 months (12 youth)	388 days- 12.75 months (five youth)	371 days- 12.19 months (four youth)	271.8 days- 8.94 months (five youth)	377 days- 12.39 months (26 youth)

Educational Services

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio partners with the Wood County Educational Service Center to provide academic instruction to residents year-round. The Wood County Educational Service Center is accredited by the State of Ohio as an educational provider through the Ohio Department of Education. Residents earn ¼ Carnegie Unit for each class, per grading period, and the credits are referred to the resident's district of record. The home district issues the credits for the permanent transcript. All youth receive 30 hours of academic instruction per week. School is in session 230 days a year. Students are tested at admission and discharge using the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)- (M9 complete battery), test to track academic growth.

The teaching staff include a full-time Intervention Specialist, who is responsible for the IEP and ETR documents for all students at JRC as well as three academic secondary teachers offering educational curriculum for students grades 6-12.

All the teachers, as well as the Education Coordinator, have a Master of Education Degree, many with advanced course work.

Credit Recovery is offered to high school students who have failed a course from their home school. This is administered by an ESC teacher and the cost of School PLP program and license per student is paid for by the Wood County Educational Service Center, with no additional cost to the student or their family.

State of Ohio End of Course testing is administered to JRC students at the request of the home school district. ACT testing can be arranged with the home school administration proctoring the exam to their student at JRC.

The academic calendar and Superintendent's Agreement are shared with over 170 school districts located in Ohio Counties that have placed students at JRC in the past. This enables the Treasurer to prepare for a potential placement of a youth at JRC.

High School Credit and GED Enhancement: As an additional note, residents earn ¼ Carnegie Unit for each class, per grading period, and the credits are referred to the resident's district of record. The home district issues the credits for the permanent transcript.

Fiscal Year 2024 – Academic Statistics			
Facility	Students Served	Enrolled in a GED program	Earned GED
Northwest	60	0	0

Reading/Language/Spelling Enhancement:

Fiscal Year 2024 – Academic Grade Level Statistics				
Facility	No Change in Grade Level	Improved up to a ½ Grade Level	Improved ½ to 1 Grade Level	Improved More than 1 Grade Level
Northwest	40	0	1	17

Mathematics Enhancement:

Fiscal Year 2024 – Academic Grade Level Statistics				
Facility	No Change in Grade Level	Improved up to a ½ Grade Level	Improved ½ to 1 Grade Level	Improved More than 1 Grade Level
Northwest	41	0	1	16

Credit Recovery:

Fiscal Year 2024 – Academic Statistics		
Facility	Youth Enrolled in Credit Recovery	Credits Earned
Northwest	9	16

Facility Operations

The Ohio Department of Youth Services provides funding and fiscal support for all eleven Community Correctional Facilities for operating expenses, as well as capital renovation and construction.

Fiscal:

Fiscal Year 2024 – Fiscal Statistics				
Facility	Funded Beds	Total Operating Budget	Per Diem	Non-General Revenue (NSLA)
Northwest	42	\$2,829,863.18	\$184.60	\$0

Fiscal Year 2024 – Fiscal-Capital		
Facility	Capital Money	Purpose of Funds
Northwest	\$0	N/A

Summary of Serious Incident Reports

Fiscal Year 2024 – Serious Incident Report										
Facility	Restraint	Suicide Attempts	Assault	Sexual	Room Confinement	Medical	AWOL	Other	Drugs	Total
Northwest	Mechanical: 0 Physical: 0	0	0	0	Self-Secure: 40 Time Out: 4 Extended: 17 Isolation: 0	5	0	2	0	68

July 26, 2023: Youth reacted poorly to a phone call with his probation officer. Youth began to flip tables, throw chairs and push over cabinets. A Code Red was initiated, and the youth returned to his room where he continued to yell and punch property while secured.

August 5, 2023: Youth self-secured and became frustrated to safety lights being turned on to assist monitoring of youth. This frustrated the youth who kicked the door open. He aggressively approached the staff. Staff were able to gain verbal compliance and youth returned to his room.

November 5, 2023: Youth experienced an extended nosebleed and became unconscious. Staff contacted JRC medical staff, and as a result EMS was contacted to transport the youth to the local emergency room.

November 12, 2023: Youth was checked on overnight observation. He was unresponsive to staff and was breathing, where it was noted, he had experienced a significant bloody nose. Youth became responsive, where staff contacted JRC medical staff and as a result EMS was contacted to transport the youth to the local emergency room.

November 19, 2023: Resident had been dealing with a bloody nose. Staff was following individualized medical protocols due to an ongoing history with this medical problem. Resident was in the process of returning to his room, when he lost consciousness and fell on the floor right outside his room. Staff responded per facility Code Red medical protocols. The resident was transported to the local Emergency Room for further evaluation.

February 18, 2024: Youth passed out at a unit table. Staff contacted JRC medical staff, and as a result EMS was contacted to transport the youth to the local emergency room.

June 19, 2024: A diabetic resident reported feeling unwell. When unit staff was observing the youth, he became non-responsive. Staff responded per Code Red Medical protocols. JRC Medical staff was contacted, which resulted in EMS transport to the local Emergency Room.

During Fiscal Year 2024 – Residents were in a form of room confinement status a total of 61 times. Resident Self-Secure time was a total of 22.53 hours or .37 hours per episode. Time-out (less than 30 minutes) occurred a total of four times for a total of hours .96 or 0.24 hours per episode. Extended time-out (approved for more than 30 minutes) occurred a total of 17 times for a total of 23.96 hours or 1.40 hours per episode. Resident Isolation Status occurred a total of zero times.

Facility Highlights for Fiscal Year 2024

- The ESC provided a fifth year of Pierson Connexus; noting this is an academic credit recovery program allowing residents to earn needed credits, in addition to their regular academic day. Ten residents participated throughout the fiscal year.
- Administrative staff held monthly community groups focusing on improving cultural sensitivity and understanding the importance of demonstrating more appropriate social behaviors in the youth we serve.
- Maintained a once per month consultation with Dr. Glenna Andrews, regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder youth and interventions most appropriate to help them be successful in treatment and in the community.
- Assisted the Center for FASD in their grant compliance by receiving consultation services provided by Bri Megyesi, as well as in-house training provided to facility staff and youth parents.
- Facility partnership with UPMC Psychological Services Center where they provide youth neuropsychological assessments.
- Community Service resumed with Park Services and Local Church Food Banks.
- Maintained compliance with PREA standards following the June 2024 PREA Facility Audit.
- Began pilot program for Wood County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board, which included training about utilizing biofeedback as a tool to supplement therapeutic intervention. With this program, JRC Clinicians and the Wood County ADAMHS board also complete monthly consultation to discuss program implementation and troubleshooting.
- Continued expanding EMDR training to address the varying population of youth in programming.
- Attended the first Criminal Justice Job and Resource Fair after ongoing engagement with Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo's Criminal Justice Programs.

Quality of Life Activities for Fiscal Year 2024:

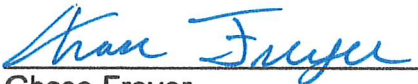
- Toys for Tots: staff sponsored residents who were able to purchase toys using their reinforcement points. In total, youth were able to accompany staff, spending over \$1100.
- "Art Cart" with holiday cards and ornaments provided to residents; they could make cards to send to family members, and ornaments to decorate their room doors.
- Continued expansion of "point-store", included a variety of food items, and activities aimed at improving youth mental health and emotion regulation.
- The facility continued the "homework heroes", monthly reward.
- The facility attempted taking high performing youth to Brown's Training Camp in August 2023, while going it was cancelled, so a stop for pizza on the way back was completed.

- In August 2023, Youth traveled to a local park in Pemberville to complete a nature walk with Ms. Emma from the Wood County Parks District. While there, they enjoyed practicing Mindfulness while sitting by the river.
- Language Arts Motivates Pupils (LAMP Camp), was held in partnership with BGSU.
- Mark Farnsworth- Flooring Expert- presents to youth on career opportunities.
- Community Service for the Salvation Army which included Bell Ringing at sites throughout Wood County.
- Began in January "No Consequence Heroes", where youth who went an entire month without a consequence earned an off-campus reward, like lunch or a trip to Dairy Queen.
- In April of 2024, Ms. Emma from the Wood County Parks District returns to JRC for a presentation on Mindfulness practice.
- Continued additional visitation during holiday season to continue increasing positive contact with youth and their families.

Facility Initiatives for FY 2025

- Maintain compliance with all Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards.
- Increase average daily population to 90% for Fiscal Year 2025.
- Maintain compliance with the sexual behavior treatment program certification.
- Maintain compliance with American Correctional Association (ACA) standards.
- Continuing to evaluate and enhance assessment protocols for incoming and discharging youth.
- Maintain consultation with Dr. Andrews for assistance in developing individualized plans for residents who may have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).
- Work to implement initiatives from the Program Philosophy Training in everyday programming.
- Maintain the facility relationship with the Center for FASD to assess and diagnose youth with potential Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).
- Continue holding monthly cultural sensitivity groups.
- Maintain UPMC Psychological Services Center partnership for youth neuropsychological evaluations.

Respectfully Submitted,



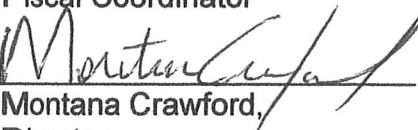
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