

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES COMMUNITY CORRECTION FACILITY

Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2019

MISSION

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

GOVERNING BOARD

The facility Governing Board consists of Juvenile Court Judges from Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams and Wood counties. The Governing Board is responsible for the review and approval of all programs, policies and procedures of the facility.

ABOUT THE JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL CENTER OF NORTHWEST OHIO

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio is located at 1012 Dunbridge Rd., Bowling Green, Ohio. JRCNWO operates a 42 bed facility, housing adolescent male felony offenders.

JRCNWO offers:

- Individual and Family Counseling directed by the individualized treatment plan of each youth
- Parent Group
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Sexual Offender Specific Treatment
- Substance Abuse Specific Treatment
- Thinking for a Change Group
- Trauma Group
- Victim Awareness Group
- Social Skills Group
- Anger Management Group
- Thinking Error Group
- Academic Instruction Provided Year Round
- Physical Fitness
- Non-Denominational Religious Services
- Community Service Work and Restitution Programs
- Transitional / Re-entry Services

YOUTH DEMOGRAPHICS

Age

CCF Age at Admission									
FY 2019									
Facility	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
Northwest	2	2	8	11	10	9	0	0	42

Avg. Age = 15

Race

CCF Admissions by Race							
FY 2019							
Facility	White	Black	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Other	Total
Northwest	34	1	0	0	0	7	42

Gender

CCF Admissions by Sex			
FY 2019			
Facility	Male	Female	Total
JRCNWO is an all-male facility	42	0	42

Offense

CCF Admissions by Felony Level						
FY 2019						
Facility	Total	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5
Northwest	42	8	2	10	10	12

JRC Admissions by County FY 2019

Governing Counties

Defiance	10
Fulton	5
Hancock	7
Henry	3
Ottawa	0
Paulding	2
Putnam	3
Van Wert	0
Williams	1
Wood	2
Total Admissions for Governing Counties	33

Other Counties

Allen	1
Erie	1
Lake	1
Licking	2
Mercer	1
Seneca	3
Total Admissions from Other Counties	9

Total Number of Admissions	42
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Discharges:

Successful Discharge	34
Unsuccessful Discharge	9
Court removed; youth did not complete program	1
Total Discharges	44

INTERVENTION & TREATMENT

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio offers individualized treatment based upon a youth's specific needs, and is committed to utilizing treatment curricula that is supported by research and best practice. Substance Abuse and Sex Offender Treatment are provided for those residents who are identified with these issues. All residents participate in cognitive behavioral treatment.

Family Interventions

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio believes parental support is fundamental for a youth's success and requires parents to participate in family counseling, a parent educational group, in house and off-ground visitation. On average, family counseling sessions are held monthly, however sessions are increased as needed. Parents are required to participate in a monthly parent education group that is intended to compliment the treatment program received by their child. The goal of the group is to educate parents on specific treatment goals, and prepare parents for their child's return to their home environment. Residents are able to receive two on site visits per week, one phone call per week, and daily mail, from approved family members. The facility has video conferencing capability which assists in coordinating family counseling and visits. Residents in final phases of the program may be eligible for off-ground visits as approved by the Court. Resident's parents and Probation Officers are invited to participate in case reviews which are held every six weeks.

CCF	Family Visitations on Site	Number of Home passes Conducted	Number of Family Sessions Conducted
Northwest	2,353	315	295

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Treatment

Residents participate in groups based on their individual treatment needs which could include: Substance Abuse Group, Sexual Offender Group, Anger Management Group, Victim Awareness Group, Trauma Group, Skills Group, Thinking Error Group, and Relapse Prevention Group.

All residents are required to attend Thinking for a Change which is an integrated, cognitive behavioral change program for offenders. The group includes: cognitive restructuring, social skills development and development of problem solving skills.

Residents with current identified substance abuse issues, or those with an indication of a substance abuse issues from the assessments completed at intake, are required to attend substance abuse specific treatment group two times per week. The group intervention relies on a cognitive-behavioral approach to teach participants strategies for avoiding substances use in the future. The program places heavy emphasis on skill-building activities to assist with cognitive, social, and emotional development, as well as focusing on coping skill development. The components of the curriculum include the following: Cognitive Restructuring, Emotional Regulation, Social Skills, Problem Solving and Success Planning. The curriculum used in this group is from the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute and is titled "Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse".

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

CCF	Mental Health Group	Substance Abuse Treatment Group	Individual Sessions
Northwest	16,154.5	752	1,311

Sexual Offender Treatment

The Juvenile Residential Center’s Sexual Offender Treatment program is certified through the Department of Youth Services, and is monitored by the Juvenile Sex Offender Certification Board. JRC Counseling staff possesses specialized training through the University of Louisville Juvenile Sexual Offending Counseling Certification Program.

Residents with sexual offense adjudications are required to attend treatment group, specifically addressing their offending behavior. This group utilizes Pathways curriculum specifically addressing abusive sexual behavior. Throughout group, topics discussed center around healthy sexuality, appropriate and healthy sexual boundaries, developing and maintaining impulse control as it relates to fantasy management and managing sexual urges. Also discussed within the group setting is taking accountability for their past offending behavior by completing a timeline, as well as what led the youth to offend through the completion of an offense cycle. Also discussed is future planning to avoid sexually abusive behavior by having the youth complete a Relapse Prevention Plan and Success Plan. Residents are also educated on requirements of SORN as it may pertain to them upon discharge.

CCF	Sex Offender Programming	Gender Specific Programming
Northwest	1,931	Not Offered

Assessments

The Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) Residential tool is completed for all residents who are referred to the facility. The tool provides programs the ability to accurately target youth’s level of risk and areas of criminogenic needs. The Residential tool addresses seven domain areas: Juvenile Justice History, Family, Peers, Education/Employment, Pro-Social Skills, Substance Abuse/Mental Health/Personality and Values/Beliefs and Attitudes. It should be noted that the OYAS is specifically designed to address criminogenic factors and does not address treatment needs for sexual offenders.

The Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) Re-Entry tool is completed on all residents who successfully complete the program. The Re-Entry tool provides programs an opportunity to reassess youth after being in a residential program for an extended period of time. The Re-Entry tool assesses the same domains as the Residential Tool but is scored based on the youth’s progress in the program. The Re-Entry tool is used in conjunction with post program supervision to assist with successful transition to the community.

CCF	OYAS at Admission	OYAS at Discharge
Northwest	Total # of Admissions	Total # of <u>Successful Discharges</u>
	Low 5	Low 19
	Moderate 26	Moderate 11
	High 11	High 4

The Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol-II (JSOAP-II) is a checklist whose purpose is to aid in the systematic review of risk factors that have been identified as being associated with sexual and criminal offending. The assessment is completed on residents who have been adjudicated for sexual offenses, as well as non-adjudicated residents with a history of sexually coercive behavior.

CCF	JSOAP-II at Admission	JSOAP-II at Successful Discharge
Northwest		
	High Needs 12	High Needs 0
	Moderate Needs 3	Moderate Needs 5
	Low Needs 0	Low Needs 10

The following assessments are completed on all residents admitted to the facility:

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

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

JASE (Juvenile Automated Substance Abuse Survey): This assessment measures extent of drug and alcohol use as well as ongoing drug and alcohol issues that require intervention.

ACE (Adverse Childhood Experience): This questionnaire assesses past adverse childhood events (trauma).

URICA (University of Rhode Island Change Assessment): This assessment measures stages of change of youth currently engaging in treatment services.

Average Length of Stay

Average Length of Stay for Sexual Offender Treatment Track	354	11.8 months
Average Length of Stay for Substance Abuse Treatment Track	188	6.3 months
Average Length of Stay for General Treatment Track	217	7.2 months
Total Average Length of Stay	253	8.4 months

Academic Programming

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 option 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 of the 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 includes a full time Intervention Specialist, who is responsible for the IEP and ETR documents for students at JRC. Three academic secondary teachers offer educational curriculum for students grades 6-12. All of the teachers and Education Coordinator have Master of Education Degrees, 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 the 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 (EOC) 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 that are 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 & GED Enhancement:

CCF	Students Served	Awarded High School Course Credits	Enrolled in GED Program	Earned GED
Northwest	45	55	0	0

Reading/Language/Spelling Enhancement:

CCF	No change in grade level	Improved up to ½ grade level	Improved ½ to 1 grade level	Improved more than 1 grade level
Northwest	15	1	1	22

Mathematics Enhancements:

CCF	No change in grade level	Improved up to ½ grade level	Improved ½ up to 1 grade level	Improved more than 1 grade level
Northwest	19	0	0	20

Credit Recovery

CCF	Number of youth enrolled in Credit Recovery	Credits earned
Northwest	9	29 ½

FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

- Bowling Green State University's Education Department partnered with JRCNWO to implement a Reading Mentor Program. Residents who were identified by JRC Education Staff to be in need of assistance with reading, worked one on one with BGSU students to improve their reading skills and develop more confidence in their abilities.
- BGSU Graduate Students worked with several residents aiding in completion of reading comprehension assessments and tutoring during summer school.
- BGSU Graduate students assisted with lesson plans and classroom instruction during summer school.
- Greg Wortman, Quality Assurance Coordinator, received PREA Auditor Certification, Juvenile Facilities; sponsored by the Department of Justice.
- John Pettigrew, Taylor Glass-Supervisors, and Katherine Harvey-Youth Advisor, attended training completed by Brian Kramer- JRC Counselor, and became certified to facilitate the Substance Abuse Treatment group.
- Katherine Harvey and Troy Wendel-Youth Advisors, attended Advanced Practice Group Training, conducted by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute and are certified to facilitate Advanced Practice Group.
- Counseling staff were trained in the PROFESSOR Assessment, and it is now used with residents entering the facility with a sexual offense. The tool is used for protective and risk observations for eliminating sexual offense recidivism.
- The Clinical Anger Assessment has been introduced and implemented, and is now completed on all incoming residents to assist in determining appropriateness for Options to Anger group.
- Implementation of new Trauma Group Curriculum; SELF = Safety, Emotions, Loss, Future. This focuses on a trauma informed psychoeducational approach.
- Continued discharge planning meetings with parents and probation departments to ensure youth are ready for release and connected with all needed services (school, aftercare and employment, as applicable)
- Ongoing enhancement to implement evidence-based treatment curriculum.

- Continued use of video conference to provide family visits and counseling sessions for those families living a distance from JRCNWO, as well as conducting court hearings and referral assessments.

QUALITY OF LIFE ACTIVITIES

- Residents continued to complete Community Service Work at the Wood County Humane Society and Wood Haven Health Care.
- A new site has been added as a onetime per month community service project. While at a local church, residents work with church members and local community volunteers to assist with Food Drive and Distribution Preparation. The program serves over 240 families and individuals monthly.
- JRCNWO hosted a Focus Group with participating Probation Departments to discuss various program aspects and goals for improvement. The primary focus centered on ways to ensure residents are linked to appropriate community services at the time of discharge.
- Staff donated items and youth used their reinforcement points, together donating to **Project Connect** which provides local families free goods and services.
- Staff donated toys and partnered with residents who elected to use their reinforcement points, together donating to **Toys for Tots**.
- Staff donated items to create a **Holiday Art Cart** for residents. Residents were able to create holiday cards and ornaments to send to family members and decorate their living units and room doors.
- Youth participated in a presentation on the Truth about Sexting; provided by Montana Crawford and Kathy Manley-JRC Counselors.

INITIATIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

- Re-Accreditation of American Correction Association (ACA) standards October, 2019.
- Successfully comply with all PREA standards, including staff to youth ratios, in preparation of the third PREA audit in FY 2020.
- Maintain the Sexual Offender Treatment Program Certification.