

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio Community Correction Facility Annual Report Fiscal Year 2022

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio 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 located in Bowling Green, Ohio, inside of Wood County. JRCNWO 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.

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (Individual/Family Sessions)
- Coordination with community treatment providers, including psychological and psychiatric assessments, medication management, and overall individualized needs (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Neuropsychological Testing, and Behavioral Modification).
- Problematic Sexual Behavior, Substance Abuse, and Social Conduct Treatment
- Group Therapy based in Cognitive Behavioral Interventions, including: Thinking for a Change, Skill Streaming, Thinking Errors, Options to Anger, and Advanced Practices
- SELF Group- Group therapy to address past traumatic experiences and emotional regulation skills.
- Religious Services
- Physical Fitness Activities
- Community Service Work and Restitution Programs
- In-Person Academic Instruction, provided year-round by the Wood County Educational Service Center.
- Parent Group to assist parents in strengthening their relationship with their children and become more effective parents upon their child's release.
- Transitional and Re-Entry Services.

Part Two Youth Demographics:

Age at Admission

FY 2022										
Facility	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total	Average Age
Northwest	5	3	5	9	9	6	1	0	38	15

Race Demographics

FY 2022							
Facility	White	Black	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Other	Total
Northwest	29	5	0	0	0	4	38

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

FY 2022			
Facility	Male	Female	Total
Northwest	38	0	38

Offense Specifics by Felony Level

FY 2022						
Facility	Felony One	Felony Two	Felony Three	Felony Four	Felony Five	Total
Northwest	4	3	8	12	11	38

JRC Admissions by County FY 2022

Governing Counties Admissions:

FY 2022 - Total Admissions for Governing Counties											
Facility	Defiance	Fulton	Hancock	Henry	Ottawa	Paulding	Putnam	Van Wert	Williams	Wood	Total
Northwest	6	2	7	0	1	1	3	0	3	5	28

Outside Catchment Area Admissions:

FY 2022 - Total Admissions for Outside Catchment Area											
Facility	Allen	Auglaize	Delaware	Lorain	Licking	Preble	Mercer	Seneca	Tuscarawas	Total	
Northwest	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	10	

Total Admissions FY 2022: 38

Discharges from FY 2022: 36

FY 2022 - Discharges			
Successful Discharges	Unsuccessful Discharges	Maximum Benefit	Total
19	14	3	36

Interventions and Treatment Services:

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio offers individualized Cognitive Behavioral Treatment based upon a youth's specific needs and assessment results. JRCNWO is committed to utilizing treatment curriculum that is supported by evidence-based research, often developed from the University of Cincinnati and then utilized in practice at the facility. Individualized problematic substance abuse treatment, social conduct, and sexual behavior treatment are provided. As noted previously, all residents participate in multiple forms of Cognitive Behavioral Treatment.

Family Interventions Services:

The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio, partnering with Juvenile Courts, requires the parents of each youth to participate in family counseling sessions. On average, sessions are held approximately every 21 days. In addition to family counseling sessions, parents participate in a monthly parent group that is intended to compliment the treatment program received by the youth.

The goal of the parent support group is to educate parents on specific treatment topics and to assist parents and youth returning to their home environment in having a more productive relationship, equaling more successful outcomes. In addition, residents are able to receive two visits per week and one phone call per week from approved family members. The facility also utilizes video conferencing, which assists in coordinating family counseling and visits for parents who are unable to get to the facility.

FY 2022 Family Visitations and Home Passes:

FY 2022 – Visitation Statistics			
Facility	Family Visitation on Site	Number of Home Passes	Number of Family Sessions
Northwest	2971	63	413

Mental Health 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 and Advanced Practices groups, which is an integrated, cognitive behavioral change program for youth. The group includes topics such as cognitive restructuring, social skill development and the development of 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, as well as identifying and correcting thinking errors.

Problematic Substance Abuse Treatment:

Residents with current 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, which is acquired from the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute.

FY 2022 – Mental Health and Substance Abuse Group Statistics			
Facility	Mental Health	Substance Abuse	Individual Sessions
Northwest	6178.5 hours	1,178 hours	1,151 hours

Sexual Behavior and Gender Specific Programming:

JRCNWO is a certified sexual behavior treatment provider through the Ohio Department of Youth Services Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Board. 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. In addition, JRCNWO utilizes the Pathways workbook developed by Timothy Kahn. As youth go through the program, they are assessed at regular intervals to determine level of treatment need in order to individualize their sexual behavior specific goals.

FY 2022 – Sexual Behavior Treatment Statistics		
Facility	Sexual Behavior Treatment	Gender Specific Programming
Northwest	2,010.25 hours	Not Offered

Assessments:

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, 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 youth adjudicated of a sexual offense. The youth adjudicated of a sexual offense typically score lower on the OYAS.

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 assesses the same domains as the Residential Tool, but is scored based on the youth’s progress in their treatment. The Re-Entry tool is used in conjunction with post program supervision to ensure successful transition to the community.

FY 2022 – OYAS Assessment Results at Admission Statistics			
Facility	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Northwest	3	20	15

FY 2022 – OYAS Assessment Results at Successful Discharge Statistics			
Facility	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Northwest	10	8	1

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 with residents who have been adjudicated for sexual offenses, as well as non-adjudicated residents with a history of sexually coercive behavior.

FY 2022 – J-SOAP II Assessment Results at Admission Statistics			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	1	7	9

FY 2022 – J-SOAP II Assessment Results at Successful Discharge Statistics			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	3	8	1

In addition to the assessments noted above, the following assessments are completed on all residents admitted to the facility.

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

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

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

The ACE (Adverse Childhood Experience): assesses for past exposure of adverse childhood events.

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

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

Average Length of Stay:

FY 2022 – Average Length of Stay Statistics				
Facility	Problematic Sexual Behavior Treatment Track	Problematic Substance Abuse Treatment Track	Problematic Social Conduct Treatment Track	Total Average Length of Stay
Northwest	314 days- 10.5 months	239 days- 8 months	252 days- 8.4 months	268 days- 8.9 months

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 .25 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 of the Teachers and the Education Coordinator have Master of Education Degrees, many with advanced course work. This includes, in this Fiscal Year, coursework specific to inspiring educators, student family issues, positive communications, ADD/ADHD presenting issues, and making learning sparkle through Ashland University.

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, 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: As an additional note, residents earn .25 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.

FY 2022 – Academic Statistics			
Facility	Students Served	Enrolled in a GED program	Earned GED
Northwest	33	0	0

Reading/Language/Spelling Enhancement:

FY 2022 – 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	22	0	1.1	14

Mathematics Enhancement:

FY 2022 – 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	19	1	1	16

Credit Recovery:

FY 2022 – Academic Statistics		
Facility	Number of Youth Enrolled in Credit Recovery	Credits Earned
Northwest	9	8

Facility Operations:

ODYS provides funding and fiscal support for all twelve (12) CCF's, for both operating expenses and capital renovation and construction.

Fiscal:

FY 2022 – Fiscal Statistics				
Facility	Funded Beds	Total Operating Budget	Per Diem	Non-General Revenue (NSLA)
Northwest	42	\$2,514,070	\$164.00	\$81, 146.91

FY 2022 – Fiscal-Capital		
Facility	Capital Money	Purpose of Funds
Northwest	\$0	N/A

Summary of Serious Incident Reports:

FY 2022 – Serious Incident Report										
Facility	Restraint	Suicide Attempts	Assault	Sexual	Room Confinement	Medical	AWOL	Other	Drugs	Total
Northwest	Mechanical: 0 Physical: 2	0	1	0	Self-Secure: 25 Time Out: 8 Extended: 4 Isolation: 3	4	1	2	0	89

July 25, 2021: Youth was participating in recreation activity in the gym and rolled his ankle. He immediately fell to the ground and was clutching his ankle. Supervisor and medical were contacted and medical assessed the youth. Medical requested he be transported and he was then transported to Wood County Hospital by staff. He returned later that day to JRCNWO and his test results came back normal.

August 30, 2021: Director was contacted at 3pm by probation officer regarding a youth on transitional release who was unable to be located for one hour. He was later found in the home. It

remains unclear if he left the left or was in an area he couldn't be located. Youth was transferred to Wood County Detention Center

September 21, 2021: Youth reacted poorly to a consequence. He dove head first in to his shelf knocking himself unconscious. Staff implemented Code Red Medical and youth was transported to the Emergency Room for tests and evaluation. Youth return to the facility with instructions from the Emergency Room.

November 11, 2021: Youth reacted poorly to a consequence. His behavior escalated in to self-harm and non-compliance. He took a plastic binder off a peer's front porch and staff were authorized to use CPI techniques to retrieve the item.

November 18, 2021: Youth passed out in their room. No obvious medical injury. Youth was transported via ambulance Wood County ER and was returned with instruction.

January 4, 2022: Youth reacted poorly to a consequence. His behavior escalated in to non-compliance, refusing to return to room. Staff were authorized to use CPI techniques to return youth to room. During this time staff were bitten twice breaking skin. Youth was moved to the Wood County Justice Center.

March 10, 2022: Youth was using the restroom. After some time, staff made a verbal check on the youth, to which he responded. A short time later a second check was made and staff observed the youth lying on the ground in an apparent seizure. A Code Red Medical was declared and EMS was contacted. Youth returned with treatment guidelines.

April 25, 2022: Youth reacted poorly to a consequence. His behavior escalated in to non-compliance, refusing to return to room. Youth then used his closet to break his window in his room. BYPD were contacted and Youth was arrested, resulting in his placement in Juvenile Detention.

May 24, 2022: Youth reacted poorly to a consequence. His behavior escalated in to self-harm with his pencil drawing blood. CPI techniques were utilized to removed pencil from youth, as well as further objects. Medical was contacted to assess the wounds.

June 27, 2022: A bomb threat was made to the facility. Appropriate information was gathered and parties (Administrative Judge, BYPD, DYS- Jodi Slagle) were notified.

During FY 2022 – residents were in a form of room confinement status a total of 40 times. Resident Self-Secure time was a total of 8.32 hours or .33 hours per episode. Time Out (less than 30 minutes) occurred a total of 4 times for a total of 1.20 hours or 0.3 hours per episode. Extended Time Out (approved for more than 30 minutes) occurred a total of 4 times for a total of 7.51 hours or 1.87 hours per episode. Resident Isolation Status occurred a total of 3 times for a total of 12.11 hours or 4.0 hours per episode.

There was a total of 29.14 hours of confinement time for an average of .43 hours per episode.

Facility Highlights for FY 2022:

- Fifth year of Schools PLP Credit Recovery. Noting this is an academic credit recovery program allowing residents to earn needed credits in addition to their regular academic day. Nine residents participated throughout the fiscal year.
- Held monthly community groups focusing on improving cultural sensitivity and understanding the importance of demonstrating more appropriate social behaviors in the youth we serve.
- A Case Manager position was created starting in April of 2022, which was accepted by Heather Post. This position focuses on the individual implementation of behavioral modification strategies, as noted in the youth's treatment plan. This position also aides in scheduling and attending psychiatric appointments to increase consistency of care. Finally, discharge planning has become a responsibility of this position to ensure smooth transition to the community.
- Chase Freyer begins Intake Coordinator Duties, effective November, 2021.
- Michael Becker and Salina Stuart, Counselors at JRC, attended the American Treatment for Sexual Abusers Conference (MASOC-MATSA), in April of 2022.
- Michael Becker, and Salina Stuart, Counselors at JRC, as well as Chase Freyer, Intake Coordinator, also attended multiple trainings pertaining to sexual behavior treatment through entities who provide continuing education credit, such as Safer Society and the Global Institute of Forensic Research.
- The facility participated in multiple job fairs through Bowling Green State University, the University of Toledo, and Tiffin University.
- Regular Facility off grounds visitation resumed in April of 2022, allowing youth weekend visits with family in their home communities.
- Discharge planning meetings have continued with probation departments and family to ensure that youth are connected with all needed services including school, aftercare, and employment. These meetings take place at discharge to determine if the youth is ready for release from placement.
- Ongoing collaboration with University of Cincinnati and the treatment team meetings to implement evidence-based treatment services.
- Video conferencing technology was utilized to provide family visits and counseling sessions for those families unable to make it to the facility. This technology was also utilized to have residents and counselors to participate in Court hearings and referral assessments.
- Video conferencing technology was utilized to increase contact with parents and guardians due to Covid-19.
- Continued consultation took place once per month 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.
- Partnership started with The Center for FASD at the beginning of the Fiscal Year. This included monthly consultation, assistance with FASD diagnostic process, visits to the JRC facility for observation and modification of program practices, facility training, and coaching of implementation regarding mindfulness skills for the youth.
- Partnered with Dr. Dryw Dworsky, BGSU Professor of Clinical Training and Director of the Psychological Services Center for collaboration regarding youth who need comprehensive assessments. Two youth underwent comprehensive assessment and diagnostic services.
- In person visitation continued for parents/guardians throughout the fiscal year, following all DYS/CDC/Wood County Health Department guidelines.

- Facility wide Program Philosophy training presented by JRC Administration held in April of 2022, focusing on duties/roles, facility expectations, and goals of JRCNWO as it relates to individualized treatment.
- Facility wide Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Developmental Disabilities training was held in March of 2022, focusing on the importance of delivering interventions that are based on individualized needs of the youth served.

Quality of Life Activities for FY 2022:

- Project Connect was completed with the goal of providing local families free goods/services; items were donated by staff.
- Toys for Tots: staff sponsored residents who were able to purchase toys using their reinforcement points.
- Youth participated in the Annual Wood County Humane Society Garage Sale assisting with set up, and tear down. This event raised over 35,000 dollars to assist Wood County animals in need.
- Youth continued participation with the Wood County community garden, assisting with weeding and watering of plants. The food is then donated to the County Food Bank.
- Youth continued to participate with the First United Methodist Church monthly food distribution for Wood County community members who have food insecurity. The youth unloaded trucks of donated food, assisted with set up, and distributed food bags to the community members.
- "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.
- Presentations including "The Truth about Sexting", "Internet and Media Safety", "The Difficulties of Change"; provided by JRCNWO Counselors.
- Participation with Bowling Green State University, which included a group of Reading Mentors providing individualized tutoring services to identified students in need.

Facility Initiatives for FY 2022

- Maintain compliance with all Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards.
- Increase average daily population to 90% for FY 2022.
- 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.
- Continue to maintain ongoing supervision with Clancy Yeager, LPCC-S, to assist in clinical development, sexual behavior specific treatment interventions, and development of community partnerships.
- Maintain consultation with Dr. Andrews for assistance in developing individualized plans for residents who may have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).
- Maintain relationship with The Center for FASD to assess and diagnose youth with potential Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).
- Continue holding monthly cultural sensitivity groups.
- Participate in a research project with Dr. Andrews and the Bowling Green State University regarding treatment outcomes for neurotypical youth vs FASD youth.
- Continue to identify youth who present with behavioral markers of FASD and refer for appropriate assessment and treatment services.

- Begin implementation of EMDR therapy for youth with identified trauma specific treatment needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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