

## **The Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio Community Correction Facility Annual Report Fiscal Year 2025**

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio (JRC) is to provide specialized services for youth and families to enhance prosocial development and positive change through innovative programming.

### **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.
- DBT (Dialectical Behavioral Therapy)
- EMDR (Eye Movement, Desensitization, and Reprocessing) Therapy.
- 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, including CrossFit.
- Community Service Programs- including Adopt-A-Trail- Slippery Elm Trail, and Carter Historical Farms.
- 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 2025										
Facility	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total	Average Age
Northwest	0	3	8	5	16	9	0	0	41	15.5

**Race Demographics**

FY 2025							
Facility	White	Black	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Other	Total
Northwest	28	11	0	0	0	2	41

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

FY 2025			
Facility	Male	Female	Total
Northwest	41	0	41

**Offense Specifics by Felony Level**

FY 2025						
Facility	Felony One	Felony Two	Felony Three	Felony Four	Felony Five	Total
Northwest	9	4	16	7	5	41

## JRC Admissions by County for Fiscal Year 2024

### Governing Counties Admissions

FY 2025 - Total Admissions for Governing Counties											
Facility	Defiance	Fulton	Hancock	Henry	Ottawa	Paulding	Putnam	Van Wert	Williams	Wood	Total
Northwest	10	0	2	4	1	1	3	0	3	2	26

### Outside Catchment Area Admissions

FY 2025 - Total Admissions for Outside Catchment Area										
Facility	Auglaize	DYS	Hardin	Huron	Lake	Licking	Mercer	Miami	Summit	Total 15
Northwest	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	

### Total Admissions Fiscal Year 2025: 41

### Discharges from Fiscal Year 2025

FY 2025 - Discharges			
Successful Discharges	Unsuccessful Discharges	Maximum Benefit	Total
20	13	7	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 have a more productive relationship with their child upon their return to the community. In addition, youth receive two 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 2025 Family Visitation and Off Ground Visitation**

<b>FY 2025 – Visitation Statistics</b>			
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Family Visits on Site</b>	<b>Off Ground Visit Passes</b>	<b>Family Sessions Completed</b>
Northwest	2445	320	418

### **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 groups 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.

<b>FY 2025 – Mental Health and Substance Abuse Group Statistics</b>			
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Substance Abuse</b>	<b>Individual Sessions</b>
Northwest	6810 hours	1881 hours	1,847 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.

<b>FY 2025 – Sexual Behavior Treatment Statistics</b>		
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Sexual Behavior Treatment</b>	<b>Gender Specific Programming</b>
Northwest	1921 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 with 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.

<b>Fiscal Year 2025 – OYAS Assessment Results at Admission Statistics</b>			
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Low Risk</b>	<b>Moderate Risk</b>	<b>High Risk</b>
Northwest	0	23	18

Fiscal Year 2025 – OYAS Assessment Results at Successful Discharge Statistics			
Facility	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Northwest	13	6	1

### **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 mandates to be during the previous two months.

Fiscal Year 2025 – PROFESOR Assessment Results at Admission			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	0	5	12

Fiscal Year 2025 – PROFESOR Assessment Results at Successful Discharge			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	7	1	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 2025 – YNPS Assessment Results at Admission			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	0	5	12

Fiscal Year 2025 – YNPS Assessment Results at Successful Discharge			
Facility	Low Needs	Moderate Needs	High Needs
Northwest	7	1	7

### **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 2025 – Average Length of Stay Statistics (Successful Discharges)					
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	401 days- 12.94 months (eight youth)	392 days- 12.66 months (four youth)	273 days- 8.8 months (two youth)	373 days- 12 months (four youth)	379 days- 12.22 months (18 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.

<b>Fiscal Year 2025 – Academic Statistics</b>			
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Students Served</b>	<b>Enrolled in a GED program</b>	<b>Earned GED</b>
Northwest	67	0	0

**Reading/Language/Spelling Enhancement:**

Fiscal Year 2025 – 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	55	2	1	9

**Mathematics Enhancement:**

Fiscal Year 2025 – 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	47	3	0	17

**Credit Recovery:**

Fiscal Year 2025 – Academic Statistics		
Facility	Youth Enrolled in Credit Recovery	Credits Earned
Northwest	17	20.5

**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 2025 – Fiscal Statistics				
Facility	Funded Beds	Total Operating Budget	Per Diem	Non-General Revenue (NSLA)
Northwest	42	\$2,917,185.11	\$190.29	\$100,104.15

Fiscal Year 2025 – Fiscal-Capital		
Facility	Capital Money	Purpose of Funds
Northwest	\$598,396.72	Intercom System Unit Doors Fob System Rec Yard Unit Flooring Project Utility Room Upgrades

### Summary of Serious Incident Reports

Fiscal Year 2025 – 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: 22 Time Out: 11 Extended: 23 Isolation: 0	6	0	0	0	56

**September 3, 2024:** While on a medical transport, a Youth was issued a sack lunch provided by the Wood County Justice Center. Staff reported that after taking a bite of his sandwich, the youth spit it out as it was peanut butter which he is allergic to. Upon arrival at his medical appointment, staff were instructed to take the Youth to the Emergency Room due to his peanut allergy; he was treated and released.

**September 9, 2024:** Youth during dinner took a tray not marked for him as he has a peanut allergy. He ingested a peanut butter sandwich. A code red medical was initiated and the youth was transported to the Wood County Hospital for additional treatment.

**January 18, 2025:** Youth injured his ankle during recreation. Upon injury, he immediately complained of ankle pain. Staff responded per first aid training and contacted on-call medical. On-call administration was also contacted. In discussion with medical and administration, as well as based on the injury itself, it was determined that the youth be transported to urgent care for additional assessment. Staff transported the youth, and they returned to the facility at approximately 7:40pm.

**April 15, 2025:** Youth collapsed during CrossFit having an apparent seizure. Staff implemented code red procedures to ensure safety and took the youth's vitals. In communication with Medical, it was determined that youth needed to be transported to an emergency room for additional evaluation. The youth was then transported by Wood County EMS to the Emergency Room for further evaluation.

**May 31, 2025:** Youth was performing a wall sit independently in his room when he fell and hit his head. He was able to respond to staff making by shaking or nodding his head but could not verbally reply. Medical was notified and requested the youth be transported to the emergency room. EMS was contacted and came to the facility to transport him to the Emergency Room. He was discharged from the Emergency Room and returned to the facility the same day.

**June 19, 2025:** A resident reported feeling unwell. When unit staff were observing the youth during a evacuation, the youth collapsed and began vomiting. 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 2025** – Residents were in a form of room confinement status a total of 56 times. Resident Self-Secure time was a total of 6.76 hours or .30 hours per episode. Time-out (less than 30 minutes) occurred a total of 11 times for a total of 3.56 or 0.32 hours per episode. Extended time-out (approved for more than 30 minutes) occurred a total of 23 times for a total of 27.3 hours or 1.18 hours per episode. Resident Isolation Status occurred a total of zero times.

### **Facility Highlights for Fiscal Year 2025**

- The ESC provided a sixth 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 regarding interventions most appropriate to help youth 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. The facility also participated in Adopt-a-Trail, which included sections one and two of the Slippery Elm Trail. Projects also included Highway Clean-Up, as well as participation in the Annual Wood County Humane Society Garage Sale community service.
- Maintained compliance with PREA standards following the June 2024 PREA Facility Audit.
- Continued 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.
- Kelly Ash and Elizabeth Johnson-Walsh complete DBT Training.
- Began DBT (Dialectical Behavioral Therapy) during individual sessions, and group settings.
- Continued attendance at the Criminal Justice Job and Resource Fair with Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo's Criminal Justice Programs.
- Hired Elizabeth Johnson-Walsh to fill an open Counselor position.
- Elizabeth Johnson-Walsh completed a Certified Sexual Behavior Counselor Training.

### **Quality of Life Activities for Fiscal Year 2025:**

- 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 \$1200.
- “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.
- Community Service started at the Wood County Senior Center, as well as continued for the Salvation Army which included Bell Ringing at sites throughout Wood County.
- Continued additional visitation during holiday season to continue increasing positive contact with youth and their families.
- Continued “No-Consequence-Heroes” incentives. Trips included Sky Zone, Imagination Station, Great Lakes Museum, Toledo Museum of Art, Local Hibachi Restaurant, Bowling, Lunch in a local Park.
- Expressive Art Therapy began through partnership with Ohio Guidestone.
- CrossFit youth went to CrossFit Fenix in Perrysburg to complete a workout on two occasions.
- Completed Graduation Ceremony for four youth.
- CrossFit youth participated in the first ever “Unity Games” at Indian River Juvenile Correctional Facility. The youth were rewarded with a meal at Golden Carrol following the event.

### **Facility Initiatives for FY 2026**

- Maintain compliance with all Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards.
- Maintain certification through The State of Ohio Problematic Sexual Behavior Treatment Certification Board.
- Maintain compliance with American Correctional Association (ACA) standards.
- Continue individualized programming to enhance referrals from all counties throughout The State of Ohio to maintain the DYS-CCF census agreement.
- 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 UTMC Psychological Services Center partnership for youth neuropsychological evaluations.

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