

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."

Resident Message

"In the month of March, we had a young man that was released from the detention center after being detained for a few months. Before he was released, I had the opportunity to speak with him. He expressed to me how thankful he was for the staff in the detention center and how this last detainment changed his life. You see, this young man has been in a number of other facilities in the state of Ohio. He has not had the support the majority of us have, in our lives. He admitted where he fell short and how the wrong choices have affected his life. Now, he will be leaving us with a High School Diploma, which he states would not have happened without the support of our education department. The quote below is from this young man." - Megan Millikin



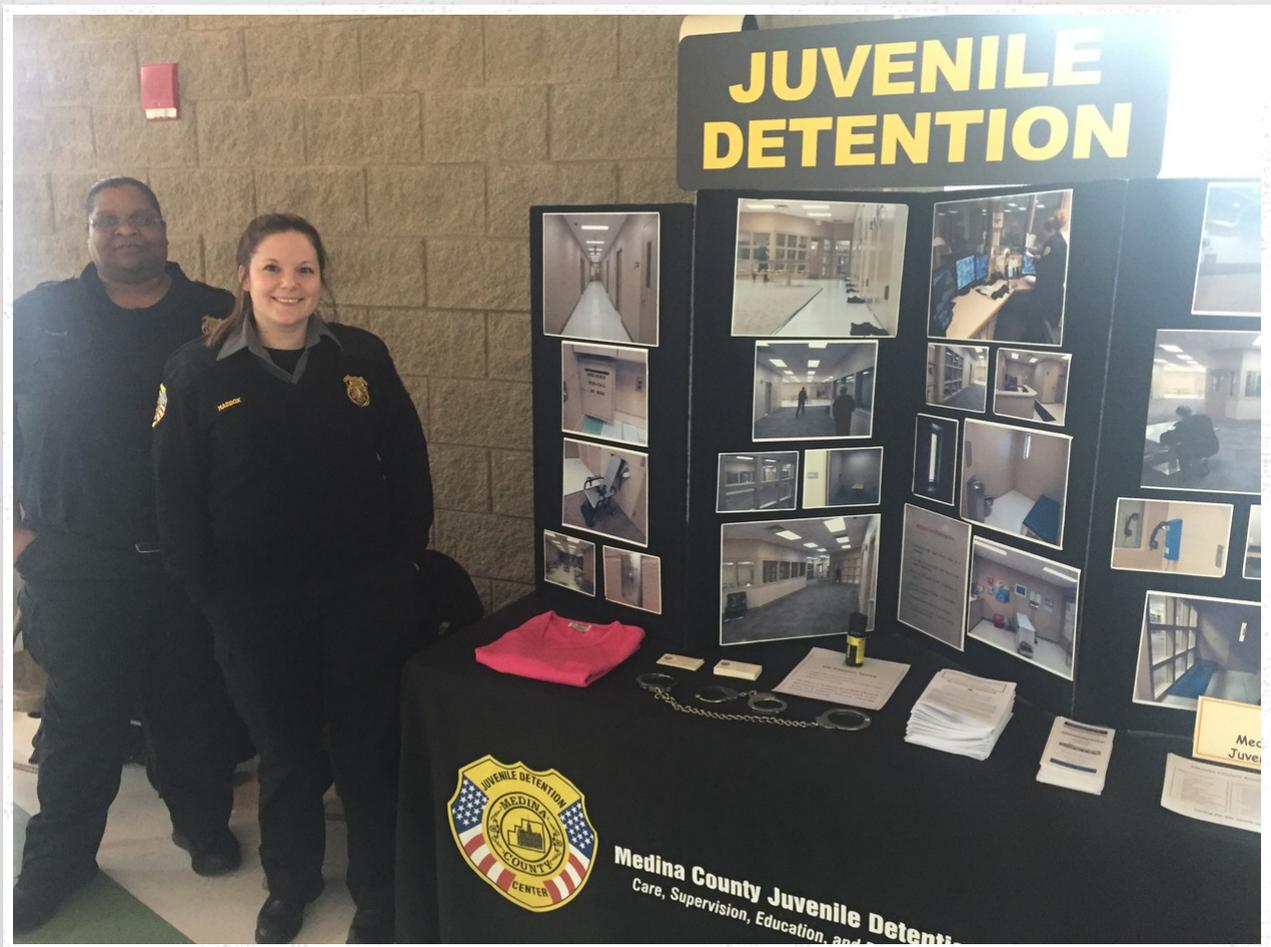
"During my stay here at the MCJDC, I have learned a lot. I've learned that we are responsible for our own actions. I used to blame others for the things I did but now I realized everything I've done is on me. I cannot change my past, but I can help my future! I would like to thank everyone on the staff for teaching and helping me. Without them, I would be leaving here on a bad path, but through their belief in my ability to succeed I myself see it too!"

Buckeye Day

Staff members from the MCJDC participated in Buckeye Day by having an informational table for parents and students at Buckeye Local Schools. Officer Jaclyn Maddox and Sergeant Shatice Dancy both participated in this event and had positive interactions with the students and parents.

Officer Maddox stated that she really enjoyed Buckeye Day. The thing she liked most about Buckeye Day was interacting with the community. In her opinion, she feels that corrections officers are normally viewed as "mean" or viewed as not being personable. She liked interacting with the public to show the side of her that isn't the cliché "mean" corrections officer. She thought it was an awesome way to inform the public of what our detention center looks like with the pictures and all of the various programs we provide the residents.

Sergeant Dancy stated "I enjoyed talking to a lot of the parents and youth and educating them on how our facility is run. By looking at the pictures a lot of parents could not believe how nice of a facility we have. We had a lot of parents congratulate us for doing such a hard job and caring for the troubled youth. It does feel good when you have the community acknowledging what you do and being positive role models for the youth."



Trivia Question of the Month!

<https://youtu.be/bOoI7Gzr5Ps>



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Therapy Dogs Visit Residents Weekly

When Assistant Superintendent Millikin started in her role, she was interested in learning more about animal therapy. She was fortunate enough to grow up around animals and knew, from her own experiences how people can find solace when simply being in the presence of animals. Also, in her time at the detention center, she had witnessed the youth having conversations where they could not stand by while an animal was being abused. This prompted her to start researching therapy dogs. While visiting another facility, she saw dogs with red vest being escorted by their owners. Naturally, she enquired about the little red vested pups and learned they work through a nonprofit organization, Therapy Dogs International. People volunteer their time to have their furry companions become therapy dogs. In August of 2017, the MCJDC had their first therapy dog visit. "It was priceless to see our youth's faces light up when they watched Groot walk through the door. You could see them transform into kids instead of the hard exterior they have created for themselves." Now, the MCJDC has two

Therapy Dogs, Groot, (Owner Sharon Baker) and Milo, (Owner Jackie Hacker). (Both pictured below) They alternate their visits every other week so our youth have multiple opportunities to interact with the tail wagging pups.



Groot



Milo

Wellness Training

Every year the MCJDC staff participates in a two hour Wellness Training. Wellness training is required since the MCJDC is part of the National School Lunch Program. This year Carmen and Seth Hill (Owners) and Melissa DeLong from, Advance Performance Crossfit located in Wadsworth, Ohio donated their time to get the CO's into shape. They educated the staff on the importance of nutrition and made it simple by supplying them with structured meal plans and grocery lists. The training ended with an hour of exercising that left everyone sweaty and out of breath!



Residents Participate in Book Vote

The Medina County District Library received the Perma-Bound/Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Grant, which will provide three copies of five different teen books that will be given to the MCJDC. This will help to engage teens with reading, but also encourage them to participate in voting for the book they feel is worthy of an award. The residents will be able to participate in the democratic process by voting for their favorite book. This will engage them in critical thinking, develop verbal presentation skills, help them learn how to resolve conflicts and improve positive decision-making abilities.



Special thanks to Chris Johnson owner of Peak Auto Sales and Medina Collision Center (pictured above) for sponsoring refreshments during the Inspiration Academy. Chris is standing next to an art piece that he purchased at the Art Experience last year. He is always a big supporter of the detention center.

Medina Community Citizens Police Academy

A total of 15 residents participating in the Joint Citizens Police Academy came to the MCJDC to learn more about the staff, services, and operations of the facility. The Joint Citizens Police Academy is open to all Medina County residents and is organized by the Medina Community Citizens Police Academy, a partnership of Medina City, Montville and Medina Township Police Departments. The program gives an in-depth view of police work.

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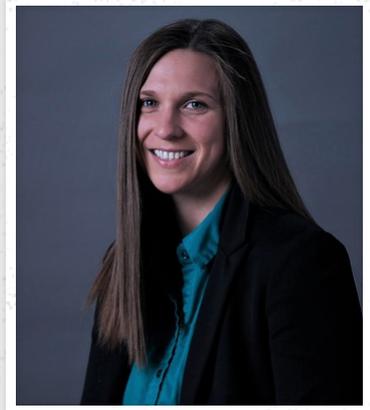
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**Ron Stollar -
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**Megan Millikin -
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"We are making the Medina community a better place by inspiring troubled youth to become responsible, productive citizens."