

# Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Lighthouse Youth Center Inspection Brief

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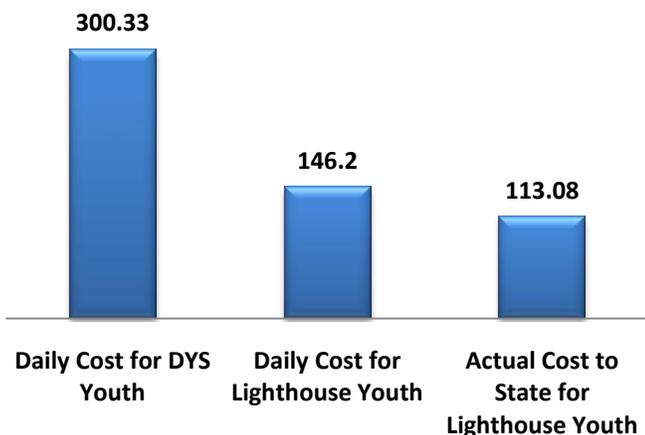
## Institution Profile

- Bainbridge, Ohio
- Male
- Summer camp-like setting
- 67 youth capacity
- 60 youth on day of inspection
  - Contracted 48 ODYS beds
  - Contracted 8 beds county courts
- 65% Black, 32% White, 3% Hispanic

## Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** The facility reported only six physical restraints of youth from April through August 2010.
- **Medical Emergencies:** The facility reported 14 medical emergency incidents from April through August 2010.
- **Time Outs:** The facility reported 138 instances of “time out” (seclusion) used either voluntarily by youth or ordered by staff. Staff relayed that each time out incident is generally only 10 minutes.

Daily Cost to State for Youth Housed at  
Lighthouse and DYS Facilities



## Key Findings

- Lighthouse is a unique facility that has the look and feel of a summer camp. Staff and youth interactions were very positive and respectful, with some staff even offering extracurriculars like guitar class. Furthermore, the facility provides this rehabilitative experience at a cost-savings to the state.
- Lighthouse uses a level-based system to manage student behavior. Youth earn points that they can use to purchase items from a “privilege hut,” time on video games, or even a trip outside the facility. Youth reported that a group was recently taken to King’s Island (an amusement park).
- Lighthouse also offers youth who have achieved the highest level the opportunity to live in a “semi-independent living” housing unit to prepare youth for reentry.
- Youth are paid a working wage of \$3.20 per hour, which they can bank and take with them upon release. Staff relayed that a couple youth were released with approximately \$10,000.
- Lighthouse supports family interaction with youth by taking youth on family visits back in their communities and by having a cabin on site specifically for family members visiting youth.
- In addition to the general education classes, Lighthouse also offers a horticulture program, fish farming, and several art classes in an art building that has its own kiln.
- Youth fill out “client satisfaction surveys” that are reviewed by administrative staff. 75% of youth said that Lighthouse services helped make their lives better.