

# Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility Inspection Brief

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## Institution Profile

- Delaware, Ohio
- Male and Female
- DYS Reception Center
- All security levels
- 135 youth on day of inspection
  - 101 male, 34 female

## Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** In August 2010, staff conducted **81** interventions in response to **64** incidents. These interventions required **116** types of “approved physical response techniques.”
- **Seclusion:** The facility reported **129** incidents of seclusion for a total of **1,396** hours during the month of August 2010, or about **9.24** hours on average.
- **Assaults:** From January through September 2010, there were **207 total assaults**. Of the total, **youth assaulted youth 125 times and youth assaulted staff 82 times**. Of the assaults on staff, **27 required on-site medical care and 13 required outside medical care**.
- **Suicide Attempts:** In 2010, there were **89** youth suicide watches and **61** youth suicide observations.
- **Self-Injurious Behavior:** In the month of August, there were **24** incidents of self-injurious behavior, none of which required outside medical treatment.
- **GEDs Earned:** Between July 2009 and June 2010, a total of **160** GEDs were earned by youth in DYS facilities. Of those, a total of 11 girls and two boys earned GEDs at SJCF.

## Key Findings

- Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility has made a significant turnaround in the past few years. The key drivers of this change are strong leadership from the Superintendent and a close relationship with DYS Central Office.
- Youth reported no critical issues of concern to CIIC Inspectors during the inspection.
- The entire facility is in excellent condition with many areas that either were recently renovated or appeared to be recently renovated.
- Staff morale was very low due to many recent operational changes and an overall feeling that staff were not included in the development of these changes.
- Staff were observed having difficulty finding a middle level of behavior management. As in other DYS facilities, minor misbehavior was addressed, but without any follow-through on consequences.

## Racial Demographics of SJCF Population

