

# Circleville Juvenile Corr. Facility Inspection Brief

## Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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### Institution Profile

- Circleville, Ohio (Pickaway County)
- Close and medium security youth
- Population: 131 (as of August 2015)
  - Average range: 14 – 20 years
- CJCF is DYS' primary placement for higher security youth. It has traditionally had higher levels of violence, although preliminary numbers for 2015 indicated that violence was decreasing. The Superintendent position changed mid-year in 2015, and the new Superintendent has brought some new ideas to expand the rehabilitative focus of the institution, including a groundbreaking youth summit and a new aquaponics program.

### Inspection Overview

**Safety and Security: Acceptable**

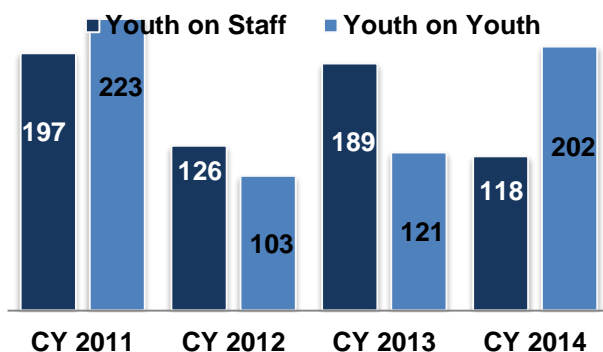
**Health and Wellbeing: Good**

**Fair Treatment: Good**

**Reentry and Rehabilitation: Good**

**Fiscal Accountability: Acceptable**

### Assaults



### Key Findings

- **Violence:** Violence increased, but remained at or below the DYS system rate. In addition, preliminary data indicates that violence has decreased in CY 2015.
- **Use of Force:** CJCF's use of force documentation raised concerns and a number of the incidents resulted in discipline or raised DYS staff's concerns.
- **Unit Conditions:** Each of the units appeared clean, but with large numbers of blocked windows and restroom/shower sanitation concerns.
- **Medical Services:** Staffing appeared to be adequate, there were no backlogs for youth to be seen by medical staff, and youth reported high satisfaction with medical services.
- **Behavioral Health:** Staffing appeared to be adequate and has increased; zero backlogs were reported; however, staff reported insufficient space.
- **Staff/Youth Interactions:** Youth relayed positive comments regarding unit staff, although a high number also reported that they felt they had been mistreated at some point.
- **Seclusion:** Seclusion hours have drastically decreased.
- **Programming:** Achievement of high school diplomas and GEDs has significantly decreased. Behavioral management issues in the school were observed.
- **Reentry Planning:** Youth meet multiple times with an interdisciplinary treatment team and a school transition coordinator to plan for their successful reentry.
- **Fiscal:** Fiscal audits were positive and utility costs have decreased. Staff relayed a mix of feedback regarding their workplace, with the primary concern being low morale.