

Circleville Juvenile Corr. Facility Inspection Brief

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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Institution Profile

- Circleville, Ohio (Pickaway County)
- Close security
- Population: 114 (as of 3/1/13)
 - Capacity: 79.2%
 - 76.3% Black, 20.2% White
 - Age range: 15 – 20
- Per diem: \$566.87 (2012 average)
- The facility experienced significant change since the last inspection, including high turnover of its staff and an 18.8% increase in its total youth population. The population remains behaviorally challenging, but staff reported gains.

Inspection Overview

Safety and Security: Acceptable

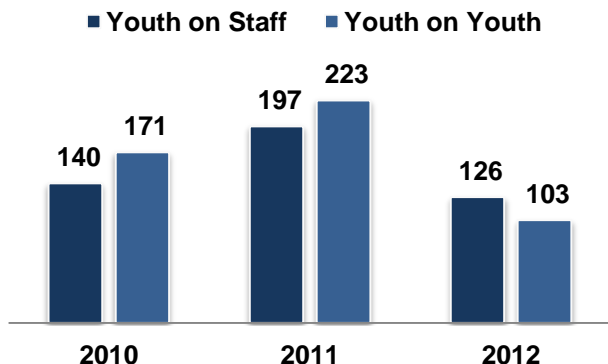
Health and Wellbeing: Good

Fair Treatment: Good

Reentry and Rehabilitation: Good

Fiscal Accountability: In Need of Improvement

Assaults



Key Findings

- **Assaults:** From 2011 to 2012, youth-on-youth assaults decreased by 53.8%; youth-on-staff assaults decreased 36%.
- **Use of Force:** Total uses of force decreased by 12% between 2011 and 2012. However, the rate of use of force per youth is the highest in DYS.
- **Unit Conditions:** The level of cleanliness varied between units. The restroom facilities were rated as in need of improvement due to significant sanitation concerns.
- **Healthcare:** There were no backlogs reported for either medical or mental health services and there were no reported vacancies.
- **Staff Accountability:** Youth responses regarding staff/youth interactions were mixed, but no large issues were relayed.
- **Seclusion:** Total seclusion hours decreased from 2011 to 2012; however, CJCF reported the highest number of seclusion hours of any DYS facility.
- **Access to Purposeful Activities:** All eligible youth were enrolled in school and attendance improved in 2012. Staff recently created a formal Graduate Work Program for youth that have previously earned a diploma or GED.
- **Quality of Programming:** Total GEDs and high school diplomas earned decreased slightly; the quality of instruction varied between classes.
- **Reentry Planning:** CJCF has notable mentoring and volunteer programs, including linking youth with mentors shortly prior to release.
- **Fiscal Accountability:** Youth specialist turnover was extremely high in 2012 (61.6%), staff morale was relatively low, and timely training and evaluation completion was low.