

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Circleville Juvenile Correctional Facility Inspection Brief

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Institution Profile

- Circleville, Ohio
- Close/Medium Security, All-Male Facility
- Population: 116 (Reported on October 25, 2010)
 - Capacity: 144 Males
 - Racial Breakdown of Population: 68% Black, 29% White, 2% Bi-Racial, and >1% Hispanic
- Number of Employees: 241 (12 Vacancies)

Key Statistics

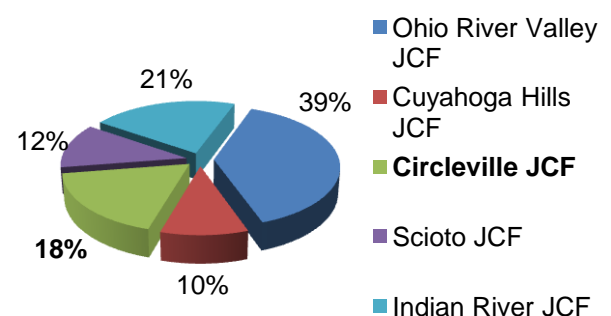
- **Use of Force:** In September 2010, staff conducted **70 interventions in response to 58 incidents** and used 104 approved physical responses. Staff used **mechanical restraints** as a precautionary measure 34 times during September and for the purpose of immobilizing a youth only once.
- **Seclusion Hours:** There were 240 incidents of seclusion for a total of 4,553.38 hours during September 2010. This equates to 19 hours per seclusion incident. Data reflects a **60% decrease** in seclusion hours since September 2009.
- **Assaults:** From April 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010, CJCF documented **88 substantiated youth on youth assaults** (59 requiring medical attention), 76 substantiated youth on staff assaults (29 requiring medical attention), and 1 substantiated staff on youth assault.
- **Self-Injurious Behavior (SIB):** There were **49 incidents of SIB in the six month period from April 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010**. Of the 49 reported incidents, 33 required medical treatment.
- **Suicide Watch and Observation:** From April 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010 there were 67 instances of youth placed on Suicide Watch and six instances of youth placed on Suicide Observation.
- **GEDs Earned:** 160 GEDs were earned throughout DYS last academic year (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010). Of the 160 GEDs, five were earned by students at CJCF.

Key Findings

- Multiple youth expressed concerns regarding a lack of programming.
- Several youth reported that staff pick favorites and do not care about them. In contrast, youth specifically relayed satisfaction with their social workers.
- Staff expressed dissatisfaction with housing medium and close security youth within the same facility. Staff felt that disciplinary standards should be altered depending on a youth's security classification.
- No graduated scale of discipline was observed in the classroom or on the units.
- Maintenance of the facility was good.
- Staff expressed a high degree of loyalty and support towards one another.

Grievance Procedure

- DYS youth filed a total of 308 grievances in September 2010. Youth at CJCF filed **55 grievances, the third most of any DYS facility**. Ohio River Valley JCF had the highest number of grievances totaling 121, followed by Indian River JCF with 65.



Percentage of Total DYS Grievances
September 2010