

# Indian River Juvenile Corr. Facility Inspection Brief

## Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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### Institution Profile

- Massillon, Ohio (Stark County)
- Medium and Close Security
- Population: 135 (as of 11/2013)
  - Capacity: 70.7%
  - 64.4% Black, 27.4% White, 3.7% Mixed Race, 3.7% Hispanic
  - Age range: 14 – 20
- Per diem: \$455.60
- IRJCF handles a challenging mix of youth, including both medium and close security youth. It also serves as the primary DYS facility for male youth with mental illness.

### Inspection Overview

**Safety and Security: Acceptable**

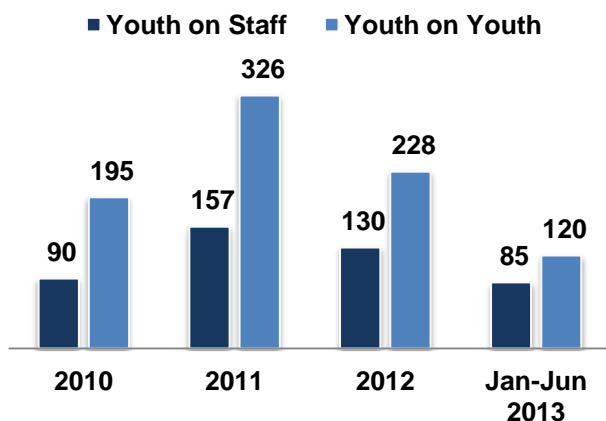
**Health and Wellbeing: Good**

**Fair Treatment: Acceptable**

**Reentry and Rehabilitation: Good**

**Fiscal Accountability: Acceptable**

### Total Assaults



### Key Findings

- **Assaults:** Comparing the first six months of 2013 to the same period in 2012, youth-on-youth assaults increased by 0.8% and youth-on-staff assaults by 14.9%.
- **Use of Force:** Comparing the first six months of 2013 to the same period in 2012, the rate of use of force incidents per youth more than doubled. However, the use of force review indicated that youth specialist responses to incidents were generally appropriate and incidents were appropriately referred for investigation.
- **Unit Conditions:** The level of cleanliness was rated as good or exceptional in all housing units but one.
- **Healthcare:** There were no backlogs reported for either medical or mental health services, although both areas have vacancies.
- **Seclusion:** The rate of seclusion hours per youth increased significantly from 2012, although the IRJCF rate is only slightly higher than the DYS rate.
- **Access to Purposeful Activities:** All eligible youth are enrolled in school and all youth receive life skill and personal growth programming.
- **Quality of Programming:** In the 2012-13 academic year, IRJCF youth earned 15 diplomas and 32 GEDs, which is a significant increase over the prior academic year.
- **Reentry Planning:** IRJCF youth are provided extensive reentry and transitional assistance through a School Transition Coordinator, mentoring programs, and CBT programs.
- **Fiscal Accountability:** Staff turnover increased, training completion was low, and staff evaluation completions were low; however, overtime has been reduced and staff morale was high.