

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Indian River Juvenile Correctional Facility Inspection Brief

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Institution Profile

- Massillon, Ohio
- Male
- Medium/Minimum security
- 193 youth as of October 8, 2010
 - 118 Black, 62 White, 6 Biracial, 4 Hispanic, and 3 Other.
- 273 staff as of September 25, 2010

Key Statistics

- **Physical Response:** In September 2010, staff conducted **43** interventions in response to **35** incidents. These interventions required **75** types of “approved physical response techniques.”
- **Seclusion:** The facility reported **113** incidents of seclusion for a total of **2,596** hours during the month of September 2010, or about **23** hours on average per incident.
- **Assaults:** From April through September 2010, there were **65 youth-on-youth assaults**. During the same time period, **youth assaulted staff 28 times**. Of the assaults on staff, **three required on-site medical care and two required outside medical care**.
- **Suicide Attempts:** From July through September 2010, there were **eight** youth suicide watches and **two** youth suicide observations.
- **Self-Injurious Behavior:** From July through September 2010, there were **50** 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, **37** were earned by IRJCF youth.

Key Findings

- Of all of CIIC’s DYS inspections, the inspection of IRJCF was the most positive. The facility had clear evidence of strong leadership, with a Superintendent who was accessible to all levels of staff and who had a visible presence on the compound.
- Youth reported no critical issues of concern to CIIC Inspectors during the inspection. In fact, youth said that they loved educational services at IRJCF.
- Staff reported no critical issues of concern – multiple staff said that they loved their job, a situation not found during any other DYS inspection.
- Staff relayed two key initiatives responsible for high staff morale: a strong mentoring/training program for new Youth Specialists and the efforts of the Superintendent to include staff as part of the decision-making process.
- Almost the entire facility either has been recently renovated or is in the process of renovation.

