

Northern Ohio Juvenile Community Corrections Facility Community Corrections Facility Annual Report 2024

Northern Ohio Juvenile Community Corrections Facility Mission

MISSION:

It is the mission of the Northern Ohio Juvenile Community Corrections Facility to serve juvenile residents, their families, and their communities. This facility offers a safe and secure, nurturing environment. Treatment consists of specialized programs facilitated by a dedicated team. The treatment is designed to fit the needs of the residents and families along with the expectations of their local juvenile courts. It is the center's hope and goal that upon completion of the multi-phased programming, the residents will lead a more positive, productive, lawful, and healthy lifestyle.

The Northern Ohio Juvenile Community Corrections Facility is located in Erie County, Sandusky, Ohio. NOJCCF operates a 30 bed facility housing male felony offenders. NOJCCF offers:

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Model
- Core Youth
- Individualized Treatment Plans
- Individual Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Anger Regression Therapy
- Thinking Errors and Moral Reasoning
- Pro-Social Skills Education
- Recreation Therapy and Physical Fitness
- Accredited In-House School
- Community Service
- Religious Services
- Independent Living Skills
- Health Education
- Trauma Therapy
- Sex Offender Therapy

Governing Counties: Erie, Huron, Seneca, Ashland and Sandusky

Part 2 Youth Demographics

Age

CCF Age at Admission									
FY 2024									
Facility	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total
NOJCCF	0	2	5	10	9	2	3		31

Avg. Age = 16

Race

CCF Admissions by Race						
FY 2024						
Facility	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Bi-racial	Total
NOJCCF	12	15	1	0	3	31

Gender

CCF Admissions by Sex			
FY 2024			
Facility	Male	Female	Total
NOJCCF is an all-male facility	31	0	31

Offense

CCF Admissions by Felony Level						
FY 2024						
Facility	Total	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5
NOJCCF	31	10	6	7	5	3

Governing Counties

Ashland	3
Erie	2
Huron	1
Sandusky	2
Seneca	1
Total Admissions for Governing Counties	9

Other Counties

Summit	2
Lorain	3
Cuyahoga	5
Ottawa	1
Madison	1
Lake	1
Mercer	2
Franklin	2
Geauga	1
Mahoning	1
Knox	1

Stark	1
Augalize	1
Total Admissions from Other Counties	22

Total Admissions	31
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Part 3 Interventions & Treatment

The program intends to target the youth's criminogenic behaviors and attitudes. This involves developing strategies to reduce delinquent behaviors by treating each youth individually utilizing the Cognitive Behavior Therapy. As the expectations of each level are achieved, privileges increase. Daily groups are held as well as specialized groups such as Aggression Replacement Therapy, Drug and Alcohol Intervention, Core Youth, Trauma Therapy, Sex Offender Counseling, and Social Skills.

Family Interventions

Family involvement is an essential component of the CCF. The youth placed here in lieu of DYS have the opportunity for their family to be involved in their treatment at our facility. The treatment team also utilized video and phone conferencing for their family treatment sessions.

CCF	Family Visitation on Site	Number of Home visits Conducted	Number of Family Sessions Conducted
NOJCCF	512	43	427 (In Person, Video Conferences, and Conference Calls)

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Treatment

Licensed Professional Counselors provide group sessions and weekly individual counseling, as well as family counseling. A licensed Substance Abuse and Prevention Counselor conducts group and individual counseling with relapse prevention as well.

CCF	Mental Health Group	Substance Abuse Treatment Group	Individual Mental Health Sessions
NOJCCF	1095	91	1118

Sex Offender & Gender Specific Programming

Residents with sexual offense adjudication are required to attend sexual offender treatment specific group. In addition to basic sexuality issues, this group also focuses on healthy sexual boundaries, impulse control, fantasy management, offense cycle, victim empathy, and relapse prevention. The Sex Offender program is certified through the Ohio Certification Board.

CCF	Sex Offender Programming	Gender Specific Programming
NOJCCF	84	Not offered

Assessments

The NOJCCF uses various assessments such as OYAS, J-SOAP, SASSI, and TCU.

CCF	OYAS at Admission	OYAS at Discharge
	Total # of Admissions - 31	Total # of Successful Discharges - 19
NOJCCF	Low - 14	Low - 15
	Moderate - 12	Moderate - 4
	High - 5	High - 0

Average Length of Stay

Average Length of Stay Total (by month)

Average Length of Stay for Sexual Offender Treatment Track

- Drug/ Alcohol- 9.3 months
- Sex Offender – 11.5 months

Educational Enhancements

The Northern Ohio Juvenile Community Corrections Facility located in Sandusky, Ohio partners with the North Point Educational Service Center to provide academic instruction to residents. The education program utilizes the Virtual Learning Academy online program that is developed by the Jefferson County Educational Service Center. The program is accredited by the Ohio Department of Education. Students receive credit for the completion of VLA classes which is sent to a resident's home district. The home district then awards the resident with credit on their transcript. School is in session during the traditional school year and throughout summer. Residents get a tailored education program based on their academic progress needs. Upon entering and leaving the program students are tested using the Wide Ranging Achievement Test (WRAT-4).

High School Credit & GED Enhancement:

CCF	Students Served	Awarded High School Course Credits	Enrolled in GED Program	Earned GED
NOJCCF	37	34	0	0

Reading Enhancement:

CCF	No change in grade level	Improved up to ½ grade level	Improved ½ to 1 grade level	Improved more than 1 grade level
NOJCCF	16	15	6	0

Mathematics Enhancements:

CCF	No change in grade level	Improved up to ½ grade level	Improved ½ to 1 grade level	Improved more than 1 grade level
NOJCCF	20	11	6	0

Part 4 Operations

ODYS provides funding and fiscal support for all eleven (11) of the sites for both operating expenses and capital renovation and construction.

Fiscal

CCF	Funded Beds	Total Budget	Per Diem	Non-General Revenue
NOJCCF	30	\$2,244,788.00	\$205.00	--

CCF	Capital
NOJCCF	N/A

Incidents

Community Corrections Facilities Serious Incident Report for FY 2024										
CCF	Restraint	Suicide Watch	Assault	Sexual	Room Confinement	Medical	AWOL	Other	Drugs	Total
NOJCCF	Mechanical	2	0	0	Voluntary	1	0	17 Assisting Detention	0	20
	Zero				Zero incidents: 0					
	Physical	0	0	0	Involuntary	0	0		0	0
	Zero				Zero of incidents Total Minutes: 0			Assisting Detention		

Part 5 Facility Highlights FY 24

Fiscal year 2024 was spent continuing our implementation of our CBT Services, adapting our program to maintain safety and security while operating understaffed.

- Continued with the development of programming for ODYS stepdown residents.
- Re-implemented outside employment for graduate residents.
- Hired a new Therapist. Position has been vacant since October of 2021.
- PSB Recertification
- Successful ACA Reaccreditation

Part 6 FY24 Quality of Life Activities

- We increased our off ground outings for our Phase 3 residents. We made trips to local parks, restaurants, sporting events.
- Due to our low staffing numbers we did not participate in any off grounds community service activities. Typically we would be volunteering at the food pantry, artisan center, county garage, Victory Kitchen, and the local dog pound.

- Staff continued to receive new trainings and education to improve services.

Part 7 CCF Initiatives for FY 25

- Continue to improve quality of youth programming and services
- Maintain ACA and PREA certifications
- Maintain Sex Offender Certification
- Continue to increase parent involvement
- Continue to attempt to fill vacant employee spots
- Continue to try and keep occupancy above 90%
- Continue to train and educate staff in CBT and continued work with the University of Cincinnati
- Reestablish our community involvement
- Continue to maintain building upgrades and keep facility looking at its best
- Continue to work closely with the Ohio Department of Youth Services to make the CCF programs competitive and comparable to occupational groups in the community