

Youth Services Center: Fact Sheet



YSC is a secure detention facility that provides residents with 24-hour supervision and a variety of programs and services aimed at meeting their basic needs. The services at YSC include:

- **Diagnostic Assessments and Placement Services:** YSC conducts diagnostic assessments that are used to inform court processing and dispositional plans. YSC also helps coordinate and facilitate YFTMs for detained youth likely to be committed and encourages family involvement in all aspects of the youth's case planning process.
- **Physical Health Care:** YSC has an onsite medical facility that provides basic medical and dental care. Youth are required to engage in structured physical recreation activities that promote physical well-being.
- **Mental and Behavioral Health Screenings and Care:** To help identify youth in crises, youth receive an initial behavioral health screening within four hours of admission. Further mental health screenings are conducted within 24 hours to determine the treatment needed. YSC provides direct mental health services that include individual and group counseling. A substance abuse program is presently under development. Youth identified as a suicide risk are monitored by qualified mental health professionals.

Capacity: 88 beds
FY2011 average daily youth population: 76
Number of direct care staff: 137
Serves detained male and female youth awaiting adjudication and/or disposition, and committed females
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- **Educational Services:** Onsite education is provided by DCPS, which offers a variety of academic and experiential programs for all YSC residents. Detained youth are required to attend school five hours per day, five days per week.
 - **Security:** Youth are monitored 24-hours per day and are supervised as they move around the facility, participate in onsite activities, and travel offsite. YSC is an 'eyes-on' facility.