Medical Program

Registered Nurses provide primary health care. Weekly Health Education Groups include competencies in Nutrition, Sexually Transmitted Disease Awareness, Family Health and Hygiene, and Fitness Health. Individual education on Safe Sex, STD Prevention, Family Planning and Female Wellness.

Chemical Dependency

Chemical dependency assessment is provided. Individual counseling and liaison through a contract with a state licensed Chemical Dependency Provider. Volunteers are also utilized from AA groups.

Spiritual Activities

A volunteer Religious Coordinator meets with offenders who are interested in individual and group spiritual activities.

Native American Spiritual Leaders facilitate a sweat in an on campus sweat lodge once a month.

Family and Community Program Involvement

Parental involvement is encouraged by the Youth Court Judges, Youth Court Probation Officers and DOC Parole Officers to be actively involved in the admission, assessment, and treatment process.

Dress

All Offenders wear facility provided uniforms and are not permitted to have any make-up, jewelry or hair products.

Facility

Multi-Purpose Center (gymnasium, staff training and large meeting center), Programs Building (life skills training, crafts and recreation, volunteer programs, AA, Religious Activities, etc.), Offender Housing Unit, Administration/Education/Nursing and Industries.

Mission Statement

The Riverside Youth Correctional Facility is dedicated to public safety and trust by holding adjudicated female offenders accountable for their actions by engaging them in specialized programs that continue their education, address their emotional and physical needs and develop their skills and competencies. Riverside programming supports the needs and concerns of crime victims, their families and the public.

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Introduction

Riverside Youth Correctional Facility is a safe and secure correctional facility for twenty adjudicated delinquent females between the ages of ten and their eighteenth birthday. The program provides care, supervision and treatment to offenders in a manner that recognized the unique needs of females. The program places a strong emphasis on offenders accepting responsibility for their actions and gaining individual competencies that will help them to avoid further offending behaviors. Offenders are challenged to fully realize and utilize their talents, knowledge, abilities and skills in the facility and upon release to meet their work, education and personal goals.

Admission

1. Certified Copy of Dispositional Order*
2. Physical Medical Exam by a licensed physician, within the past three months*
3. Copy of Birth Certificate and Social Security Card
4. Copy of complete Immunization Records
5. Education Records*
6. Social History*
7. Youth Placement Committee recommendation
8. Petition of charges
9. Predisposition and other reports pertinent to the care and treatment of juvenile*

*Required by MCA 41-5-1512 or 52-5-108

Program

Riverside provides 16 waking hours of scheduled activities beginning at 6:15 a.m. each day, using a cognitive restructuring approach.

A treatment plan is developed within the first month's stay which includes:

- Orientation
- Projected length of stay
- Appropriate testing
- Assignments to caseworker and the necessary programs
- Monthly review of cases by treatment administration

Living Units include:

- Group and Individual counseling daily
- Calisthenics daily
- Food Service meeting Recommended Daily Allowances
- Recreation daily

Program Components

Education

- Accredited by Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
- Classes 12 months a year
- Life Skills
- Technical Education
- Diploma or GED

Mental Health/Case Management

A Case Manager is responsible for coordination and monitoring the treatment plan developed through the initial evaluation process. The Case Manager also facilitates a weekly Young Women's Lives group using a curriculum developed by the Hazelden Foundation.

The primary focus of Case Management counseling is to challenge the offenders to examine their past and present performance, accept responsibility for their actions and recognize changes needed to allow them to successfully live in the facility and the community.

Daily Program Activities

Correctional Counselors are responsible for developing activities that provide offenders opportunities for personal growth both physically and emotionally, and acting as a positive role model. Correction Counselors also facilitate daily Psycho-Educational Groups that cover topics including Life Skills, Stress Management, Values, Problem solving, Self Esteem, Communications/Interpersonal Relations, and Alcohol and Drug Use/Abuse. The focus is on competency development through cognitive restructuring.

Work competency development training is provided through work projects on and off campus.