

DJJ Youth Development Centers

The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice operates nine (9) treatment oriented Youth Development Centers in Kentucky. Each program has a section of the building dedicated to education. Youth attend school and all programs offer the youth educational alternatives, such as graduation or GED track, as well as vocational opportunities. Some youth are able to receive college credit through the virtual university program. Individual, group, and family counseling are also provided.

Youth are placed in the least restrictive available program which is closest to their home and can meet their individual treatment needs. This helps the youth stay connected to their family with visits and counseling, as well as transition/aftercare services back to their home, school, and community. Youth may be allowed furloughs to assist in treatment and transition/aftercare planning. Some youth are discharged home after completion of a youth development center program, while others may step down to a less restrictive placement, such as a group home, private child care, or therapeutic foster care.

DJJ operated Youth Development Centers include:

- Adair YDC (in Columbia)
- Audubon YDC (in Louisville)
- Green River YDC (in Cromwell)
- Lake Cumberland YDC (in Monticello)
- Mayfield YDC (in Mayfield)
- Morehead YDC (in Morehead)
- Northern Kentucky YDC (in Crittenden)
- Owensboro Treatment Center (in Owensboro)
- Woodsbend YDC (in West Liberty)



Cadet Leadership Education Program

The Cadet Leadership and Education Program (CLEP) is a specialized Youth Development Center in Jackson, KY. CLEP stands as an evolved form of boot camp, as it combines traditional military drilling and regimen with intensive therapeutic services and supported transition back to the community.

This program serves adjudicated male delinquents, ages fourteen to seventeen (14-17). Youth participate in the program for a minimum of eight months including -- four months of residential treatment and four months of supervised community placement. Ten youth and one youth counselor, as well as several youth workers, are assigned to each platoon. The youth counselor, along with facility youth workers, provides services to youth during both the residential and community phases of the program, thus allowing for continuity of treatment.



CLEP Program Goals include:

- Promoting discipline through physical conditioning and teamwork
- Instilling values of responsibility and a healthy work ethic
- Increasing academic achievement
- Encouraging participants to become productive, law-abiding citizens
- Ensuring that offenders are held accountable for their actions
- Eliminating drug and alcohol involvement



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DJJ Day Treatment

The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice operates six (6) Day Treatment (DT) programs. Day Treatments are non-residential programs that provide education and intensive services to youth who live at home, in a foster home, or a group home and report to the program as required.

Day Treatments provide community-based services for eligible youth:

- To prevent further involvement with the juvenile justice system
- To prevent placement out of the community
- To return the youth back to the community after residential placement.

Youth in the Day Treatment are provided with a normal school schedule with highly individualized instruction. These programs provide specialized services designed to meet the individual needs of each youth. The Day Treatments utilize an effective balance of treatment, education and graduated sanctions to redirect troubled youth.

DJJ operated Day Treatment facilities include:

- Ashland DT (in Ashland)
- Christian County DT (in Hopkinsville)
- Hardin County DT (in Elizabethtown)
- Louisville DT (in Louisville)
- Northern Kentucky DT (in Covington)
- Owensboro DT (in Owensboro)



DJJ Regional Juvenile Detention Centers

The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice operates nine (9) secure Regional Juvenile Detention Centers that provide secure detention to all counties in Kentucky. The Detention Centers provide programs with a wide range of services including: education, counseling, acute medical and mental health care, behavior management, observation and assessment, as well as continuous supervision.



DJJ operated Regional Juvenile Detention Centers include:

- Adair RJDC (in Columbia)
- Boyd RJDC (in Ashland)
- Breathitt RJDC (in Jackson)
- Campbell RJDC (in Newport)
- Fayette RJDC (in Lexington)
- Laurel RJDC (in London) – CLOSED
- Lincoln Village RJDC (in Elizabethtown)
- McCracken RJDC (in Paducah)
- Warren RJDC (in Bowling Green)

DJJ Group Homes

The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice operates ten (10) Group Homes that serve a variety of youth needs. Youth are placed in the least restrictive available program which is geographically closest to home and which meets the youth's individual treatment needs. Some group homes also function as step-down programs for youth leaving a Youth Development Center that could benefit from a less restrictive level of care before they return home.

Group homes use either day treatment or local public schools for the educational component. Individual and group counseling, substance abuse treatment and community service are all elements of group home programs.

Each group home houses up to ten youth who require a less structured setting than youth in development centers. DJJ operated Group Homes include:

- Ashland GH (in Ashland)
- Bowling Green GH (in Bowling Green)
- Burnside GH (in Burnside)
- Frankfort GH (in Frankfort)
- Frenchburg GH (in Denniston)
- Hopkinsville GH (in Hopkinsville)
- London GH (in London)
- Middlesboro GH (in Middlesboro)
- Murray GH (in Murray)
- Westport GH (in Louisville)

