

YOUTH CARE CENTER NEWSLETTER

Y.C.C. Statistical Information (Boys) February 1, 2015

Avg. Age: 15.6

Avg. Length of Stay: 15.6 days

Avg. Daily Population for the month of **January**: 15.7 boys

Y.C.C. Statistical Information (Girls) February 1, 2015

Avg. Age: 15.5

Avg. Length of Stay: 24.5 days

Avg. Daily Population for the month of **January**: 3.35 girls



A Positive Experience

A positive experience that I had while being at the Youth Care Center is that all the staff are really helpful. I'm here getting my GED and when I'm stuck on something, they help. Before I came here, I wasn't really going to school. I thought it wasn't worth going to school. Then I came here (to the Youth Care Center) and with the teacher's help, I can read a little better.

Another positive experience is the church and Bible studies. I really didn't have anything to do with Jesus but now I do! I pray everyday and over time when there is a church group, I go. I am so happy I found Jesus.

But this is not the place kids want to be because your

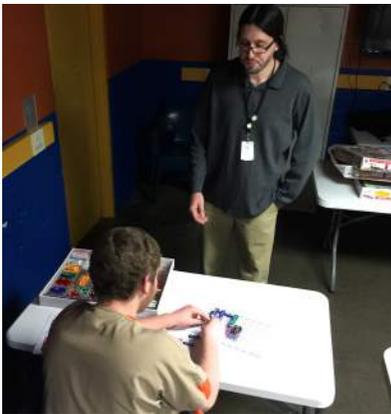


Spot Light



Above: Charles Sutton (Central Library's Read Center Supervisor) works with a resident utilizing the Hack-a-Hillenbrand's basic electronics LED lighting system.

Below: Mike Cherry (EVPL's Team Librarian) works with residents to help them understand how the lighting system works, teaching them the basics of diodes and resistor usage and their functions. Charles and Mike come throughout the year to do various educational/fun activities with the residents. They have had residents participate in other projects such as basic robotics, animations, and sensationalized media poster board artwork.



just going to lead yourself to the "big boy" jail or prison and you don't want that so stay out of places like this and get your mind right. Thanks for reading!

This article was written and submitted by resident C. A. during his stay at YCC. 2-3-15

A Female Resident's Experience

My experience with the YCC has always been positive, emotional, sad and stressful. But other than that, it's not all that bad. The staff at YCC encourages not discourages; that's their motto. Their education system helps a lot. The staff here kept it real with me. Even if it was me facing the facts in life, harsh or not.

The most important thing that I was worried about was when I could go home. Then again, I've been here so many times the people know me well enough. I know that sounds bad, but I didn't have a problem with it at the time. The things that I've learned from staff have helped me so much since I've been here. Ms. Moore (Youth Care Center Staff) told me if I ever get mad or sad to just read and write poems. She said that's what inspired her when she went through some things. Mrs. Jeannetta (YCC Staff) taught me a lot like the meaning of JOY. Jesus Others Yourself! It's in Hebrews chapter 13, verses 11-13. The most positive word in the world to me is NOW! It's also in the book of Mathew. When I had a lot on my mind, I would read the bible, the book of Revelations and also Genesis. Those are actually the first stories that I started with. Genesis is my favorite, it tells how God made everything good and that we are in God's image. Even though I've been through a lot, I've made it so far since the beginning. My education has improved so well since I came to the YCC. I've learned that my past is my past. We are sent through those trials for a reason.

The things that I have learned from all the staff has made me think. Even though I've done foolish things in the past, it's okay. My experience at the YCC was AMAZING! If anyone comes here I believe it will be a good experience for them.

This article was submitted by W.J.A. during her stay at YCC 2-3-15.

2014 Residents Per Month

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
January	40	17
February	50	16
March	39	16
April	45	10
May	44	13
June	42	13
July	51	15
August	59	25
Sept.	47	23
October	51	25
Nov.	54	17
Dec.	51	20

It's Time for Chores!!!

Every morning at the Youth Care Center residents are up bright and early to do their chores. Their chores consist of sweeping, mopping, making their bed, and even cleaning their own sinks and toilets. Each resident is also required to complete a chore outside of their room such as dusting, setting up tables, and organizing books in the library.

Through the process of everyday chores our goal is to teach our residents to be responsible and take pride in their work. Often, after several days of cleaning, you can see how proud they are of having a neat and clean room. It is very nice to see residents eager to be up and wanting to get their day started in a positive manner.

Submitted by:

Ralph Payne

Shift Leader, SAFE Unit-7 year employee

My Purpose

Every day prior to getting dressed and come to work I ask myself: What will the Lord place before me? My question isn't in a stressful voice nor is it in a voice of despair; it's a simple thought of what awaits me. The Youth Care Center is often looked at as a juvenile detention center. Everyone would be better served if they identified it as a juvenile attention center. Yes, ATTENTION CENTER, this program has a purpose inspired by the Lord to get the attention of these young children and show them that Satan's only purpose is to steal, kill and destroy them as they are out in the world doing his work. My purpose is best described in the Youth Care Center's Hand Book on page 4, "To use your gifts and abilities to build positive life skills into the lives of the children you are assigned to." I received that instruction from the Lord before I ever opened the handbook. Praise our Lord...

Submitted by:

Jeannetta McKinnon

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