

Westmoreland County Regional Youth Services Center

Juvenile Detention & Youth Shelter

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Westmoreland County Regional Youth Services Center is to provide a safe and secure environment for the residents in our care while ensuring the protection of the community.

Purpose

The Westmoreland County Juvenile Detention Center is a co-ed, secure detention, residential placement for twelve children between the ages of 10 and 21 years. The Detention Center is reserved for the custody of alleged delinquent and delinquent juveniles.

The Westmoreland County Youth Shelter provides a non-secure, co-ed residential placement for eight children between the ages of 10 and 18+ years. The Youth Shelter is reserved for juveniles charged with a minor delinquent act, dependency issues, and or children whom need a safe haven from abuse.

Objectives

The primary objective of the facility is to provide safety and security for the physical and emotional wellbeing of all residents as well as the community. Our hope is to provide every resident with a positive and educational experience that will enable them to learn skills in order to be productive and successful members of their communities.

The Westmoreland County Regional Youth Services Center will strive to give humane and compassionate care and discipline to all residents while in custody. The facility will meet all Federal, State, and Local requirements pertaining to the health, education, safety, and civil rights to ensure that each resident leave the facility better prepared to be a productive member of their community.

The following standards of operation will serve as the basis for all administrative and programmatic decisions: The Department of Human Services Social Services Manual Section 28, the Pennsylvania Juvenile Act, the American Correctional Association Manual of standards for Juvenile Facilities and Services, the Juvenile Detention Centers Association of Pennsylvania Standards, as well as, Balanced and Restorative Justice.

The facility operates in a manner that will respect and preserve the resident's individual rights and dignity. By creating a least intrusive, culturally sensitive, individualized environment, the facility encourages appropriate physical, intellectual, social, and emotional adolescent development.