



Meals are prepared daily by two cooks and our Medical Department is headed by a full-time registered nurse.

An active group of volunteers add greatly to the facilities' programming. Volunteers participate in arts and crafts, gardening, various activities, and conduct religious services. Local civic organizations and individuals have presented programs and donations to the facility and MCJAS. The Martin Center is working to develop relationships with the county agencies such as Counseling Center and Health Department to lend their expertise to educate youth on a variety of subjects that affect them.

We believe that each youth who enters our program will leave pointed in a positive direction, through teaching and expectation of discipline, positive decision making, and behavior. We are striving to develop a positive atmosphere of self worth with a respect and empathy towards others.

6807 NonPariel Road - Route 4
Wooster, Ohio 44691
Wayne County
330-264-9050

1975 - Built

20-Bed Secure Facility
Serves Males and Females



New Philadelphia Group Home



Susan Fiddler
Administrator

The New Philadelphia Girls Group Home located in downtown New Philadelphia, Ohio, is a 10-bed facility licensed by The Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services. The Group Home serves young women between the ages of 12 and 17 and up to 21 years of age if mentally or physically handicapped who are in the temporary custody of the Juvenile Courts or the Department of Jobs and Family Services, and are Title IV eligible. Its focus is to meet the individual physical, emotional and social needs of the young women who reside there and reintegrate them into the community.

The facility provides gender responsive programming that is designed to meet the individual needs of each girl and her family and explore opportunities for reunification, foster care, or independent living. Residents learn to develop skills that will introduce them to the benefits of leading a healthy, positive lifestyle through female responsive services including the Girl's Circle, peer-group meetings, and individual counseling. Girls learn to recognize the values and principles associated with being an independent woman and receive guidance in self esteem and respect issues, structured life skills, addiction support services, counseling for significant traumas and loss, domestic violence, victim abuse assistance, and health awareness services. The staff works hard to establish meaningful relationships with the young women and act as role models for them to emulate.

When age appropriate, the young women are encouraged to seek employment opportunities in the community. Their pay is divided in half and half is placed in savings. Out of the half they save, they are required to use a quarter of that to pay any court fines or restitution.



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just as we make it a
safer place.*

— Marian Wright Edelman





The program also offers community programming such as Drug and Addiction Services Group, Alcohol Anonymous, and Compass. The women are also linked with health, counseling, recreational, and other services in the community.

Education is provided through the New Philadelphia School System, which has a long-standing relationship with the facility. Students who benefit more from an alternative school environment can attend the STAR Alternative Program or on-line schooling. In some cases, youth are linked with the Buckeye Career Center for vocational training.

The center offers youth a resident nurse that links youth to medical, dental, and optical care within the community, and is available to meet their daily health needs. The center is able to obtain the Ohio Medical Card for residents making services easier to access.

There is a strong emphasis on improving and maintaining relationships with parents and guardians through treatment and visitation. Residents, with the goal to re-unify with the family, can earn weekend home visits and put into practice the skills they learn, stay connected to their family, and ultimately return to their home and community. Residents with a goal to become independent are guided by staff that work with the placing agency to prepare them for this transition.



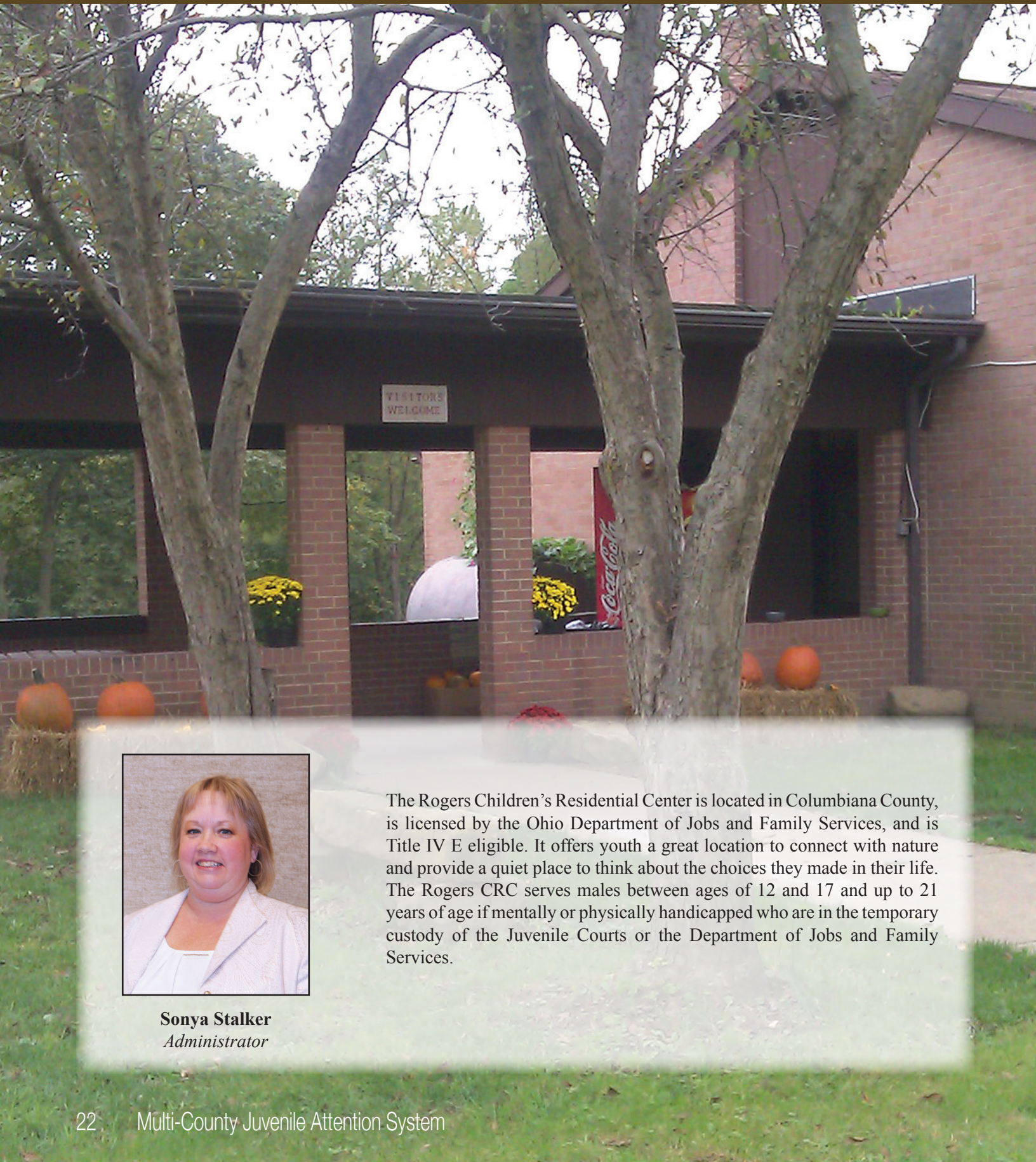
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135 Second Street NE
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663
Tuscarawas County
330-343-0150

1973 - Named the Tuscarawas
Detention Facility in Oct.
1982 - Converted to current
Group Home in Feb.

10-Bed Unsecure Facility
Serves Females

Rogers Children's Residential Center



Sonya Stalker
Administrator

The Rogers Children's Residential Center is located in Columbiana County, is licensed by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and is Title IV E eligible. It offers youth a great location to connect with nature and provide a quiet place to think about the choices they made in their life. The Rogers CRC serves males between ages of 12 and 17 and up to 21 years of age if mentally or physically handicapped who are in the temporary custody of the Juvenile Courts or the Department of Jobs and Family Services.



The Rogers CRC offers individual, group, and family crisis intervention, and is tailored to meet the individual needs of the youth. These include trauma, thinking errors, anger management, conflict resolution, coping skills, and parent education. The facility has its own in-house counselor making this level of treatment possible. The program utilizes the tier-based behavior management system designed to encourage self-regulation, personal responsibility, and accountability. Life-skills development through daily chores and life-skills group and community volunteering are also offered.

The Rogers Center also links with community agencies to provide services. The center collaborates with the Family Recovery Center to provide in-house drug and alcohol counseling and the Counseling Center, which provides psychotropic medication monitoring.

The Rogers CRC offers a resident nurse who links youth to medical, dental, and optical care, and is available to address their daily health needs.

Education is provided through the Beaver Local School District, which has a long-standing relationship with the facility. Students who benefit more from an alternative school environment can attend the Opportunity School, and vocational training is provided through the Career Center for juniors and seniors who are eligible.

There is a strong emphasis on improving and maintaining relationships with parents and guardians through treatment and visitation. Residents, with the goal to re-unify with the family, can earn weekend home visits and put into practice the skills they learn, stay connected to their family, and ultimately return to their home and community.

The program utilizes the tier-based behavior management system designed to encourage self-regulation, personal responsibility, and accountability.

7221 State Route 7
Rogers, Ohio 44455
Columbiana County
330-227-3238

1973 - Part of the Original System
1975 - Became part of MCJAS

16-Bed Unsecure Facility
Serves Males

Residential Treatment Center



Rebecca Feters
Administrator

... the most remarkable thing about the MCJAS Residential Treatment Center is the staff! They continually go above and beyond to assist youth in becoming the best person they can be.



The Residential Treatment Center (RTC) is a 27-bed secure treatment facility. Youth stay at the facility anywhere between six months and a year. The Treatment Center's goal is to help youth identify the errors in their thinking and change them. The center offers a robust treatment curriculum that includes individual and group counseling, Anger Management, Thinking for a Change, TGCT-A (also known as Trauma and Loss Therapy), Life Skills, and individual and group Drug & Alcohol counseling. The center also collaborates with The Domestic Violence Project throughout the year and offers a Healthy Relationship Program in the summer. An intern at the center has expanded the Healthy Relationship Program and now offers it during the winter months. The center is also fortunate to have outside agencies provide additional activities for youth. Girls With Sole, a nonprofit group from Cleveland, visits the female youth weekly and supplies the girls with new running shoes, and conducts activities that focus on physical fitness, self-esteem and self-image. Likewise, the young males in the facility visit weekly with Mr. Rashu Jeffries of Stark County who conducts weekly ROAP mentoring groups that focus on redirecting habitual behavior in a positive direction.

The center also participates in projects outside the everyday programming offered. Last year the Center staff worked with Stark Parks and Ohio State University and obtained a gardening grant. The gardening program taught youth about the benefits of growing your own food and nutrition. Youth went through a six-session nutrition course designed and implemented by the Ohio University. Stark Parks provided plants, soil, and wood for the garden.



boxes. The male students built six garden boxes to be utilized. Youth Leaders worked very hard in the summer heat transferring soil from the Stark North facility to the garden boxes at RTC. The female youth assisted in planting tomatoes, zucchini, potatoes, assorted peppers, eggplant, and kohlrabi. The female youth also planted an herb garden in one of the boxes. One of the youth leaders, a former cook at the center, showed the youth how to prepare and season a variety of different foods harvested from the garden. A few examples include mint tea, fried green tomatoes, salsa, Kohlrabi fritters, stuffed peppers, breaded eggplant parmesan, zucchini bread and cookies, ratatouille, and a special pablano dish. Youth learned many valuable lessons including how to plan and nurture good things so they come to you later. The youth were very engaged in the project and excited to tend the garden and reap the benefits of the herbs and vegetables. The garden project also enhances the summer school science program as well.

Social skills are also an important part of the RTC program. Youth are exposed to a variety of social situations that give them an opportunity to be out in the community and interact in an appropriate way without negative behavior or use of drugs and alcohol.

Some activities the youth participated in last year include Cedar Point, semi-pro and professional basketball games, the zoo, the Football Hall of Fame, fishing, and going to the movies. These outings are made possible through religious and community donations, fund-raisers, and grants.

The Treatment Center is licensed by the Ohio Department of Youth Services and has received excellent audit results every year. However, the most remarkable thing about the MCJAS Residential Treatment Center is the staff! They continually go above and beyond to assist youth in becoming the best person they can be. Utilizing counseling services and group building activities, they help youth build positive relationships with their families and become productive citizens within their communities.



*We cannot
accomplish all that
we need to do without
working together.*

— Nelson Mandela



815 Faircrest Street SW
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Canton, Ohio 44710
Stark County
330-484-6471, Ext. 2830

1973 - Built

30-Bed Secure Facility
Serves Males and Females
Mainly Serves Member County Courts

Community Corrections Facility



Bryan Hughes
Administrator

The Community Corrections Facility (CCF) is the newest MCJAS program. Opened in 2001, it receives funding through the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) and works in conjunction with RECLAIM dollars to offset overcrowding in ODYS and keep youth in their own communities. The 24-bed facility serves male youth between the ages of 13 and 18 who have a suspended ODYS commitment for delinquent acts that constitute a felony.

Programming at the CCF focuses on services for non-violent offenders who are moderate to high on the delinquent scales. The program utilizes a Behavioral Management System that focuses on rewarding youth for positive behavior. Youth are given the opportunity to earn points in specific categories based off their own individual treatment plans made by the youth and their individual counselors. Successful completion in each category increases the youth's status resulting in rewards.

The average length of stay for youth is determined using the Ohio Youth Assessment Scale, which rates youth from low to high on their probability of re-offending. Youth who are rated low to moderate are placed between four to six months and those rated high are placed between six to nine months. At times stepping them down to a group home reduces a youth's length of stay at the

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CCF. Other times the youth's length of stay can be lengthened due to behavioral issues or a lack of aftercare. While the program is secure, youth are able to earn home visits, outings, participate in community events, and work in the community for restitution or community service hours if they exhibit positive behavior.

Education is an important part of the curriculum at the CCF and imperative to the youth's success. Education services are provided by Canton Local Schools. Summer school is also offered to give youth an opportunity to recover lost credits.

Upon a youth's successful release, the CCF links them to numerous services such as employment opportunities, credit recovery, GED, mentoring, and continued counseling, just to name a few. Since its opening, the CCF has consistently remained well above the national average in recidivism due to the care youth receive at the center and the after care provided them upon their release.

The CCF is licensed by the Ohio Department of Youth Services and is accredited by the American Correctional Association, which sets the highest standards in the industry. The CCF has been awarded two consecutive 100% audits in a row, spanning over six years. The CCF consistently maintains a high level of occupancy that ranges from 94% to 99% annually.



*Growth is never by
mere chance: it is the
result of forces
working together.*

— James Cash Penney



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Stark County
330-484-6471, Ext. 2847

2001 - Built

24-Bed Secure Facility
Serves Males