

# Okanogan County Juvenile Justice Center



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## What we do for the Community:

- Youth Accountability
- Public Safety
- Restorative Justice
- Rehabilitation
- Jobs for our local economy (21 staff employed in connection to the operation of our facility)



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COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION #60-73

BE IT RESOLVED by the Okanogan County Commissioners to accept the Hazen and Clark Inc. proposal of October 23, 1973 to construct the Okanogan County Juvenile Center with terms as follows:

Basic bid	\$445,228.00
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a. Contingency allowance reduction	\$ 5,000.00
b. Landscaping allowance reduction	10,000.00
c. Change main panel buss bar to aluminum	<u>600.00</u>
Total deductions	<u>15,600.00</u>
Total contract price	\$429,628.00
Plus applicable sales tax	

DATED at Okanogan, Washington, this 29th day of October, 1973.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKANOGAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
A. John Carlison, Chairman

  
Ed Winslow, Member

  
Jack Abrams, Member

- Center opened in 1974
- 42 years of operation in our community
- On average we have roughly 6,000 bed days utilized a year
- Our 4 year average daily population is 16 youth
- Since January: 401 family visits **Averaging 73 family visits a month**



## Justice Center Programs and Services

Medical and Mental Health

Aggression Replacement Training

Behavior

Management

GED education  
& testing  
opportunities

Education



Youth Group

Functional Family  
Therapy

Legal  
Services

Nutrition

Drug & program  
Alcohol  
Counseling

**Community  
Tours**

Detention  
Alternative  
Programming



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**The Justice Center is the anchor point for all these services. Many programs are delivered within the Center. Youth needs are assessed and community resources are coordinated to assist the youth in overcoming the obstacles that brought them there.**



## **Justice Center Programs and Services**

- Community Juvenile Accountability Act (CJAA). Passed in 1997 to provide funding for “Best Practice Treatment” while under community supervision. We implement models approved by Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) that have been proven to reduce recidivism with cost savings to the tax payers.
- Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
- Aggression Replacement Training (ART)

**Contracting detention services out of County will cause a loss to our state funding for these programs.**



## **Justice Center Programs and Services**

- Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
  - This program provides youth and their families with an average of twelve sessions of family therapy. The program is intended to reduce negativity and blaming within the family and to increase the family's hope that change can be accomplished. The therapy focuses on identifying obtainable goals for the family and developing a behavior change program. The therapy also encourages a generalization stage that helps the family find external support for ongoing change. The program expects to improve family functioning and to change the youth's attitudes and skills.

**65 Families have been served since implementation in 2011**

**Benefit to Cost Ratio = \$7.34 to the taxpayer with a 99% chance that Benefits exceed costs**



## **Justice Center Programs and Services**

- Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
  - This program provides youth with group training in social skills, anger control, and moral reasoning. The program is expected to improve the youth's ability to deal with anger provoking situations. It is expected that youth's risk to recidivate will be reduced and that the youth's skills and attitudes will be impacted.

**Served over 500 youth in this program**

**Benefit to Cost Ratio = \$8.98 to the taxpayer with a 92% chance that benefits exceed costs**



## **Justice Center Programs and Services**

- CMAP: A Four-Step Model for Effective Case Management
  - I. Mapping: “Discovery” administering the assessment and building the rapport.
  - II. Finding the Hook: “Motivation” identify incentives and disincentives for change; agree on targets, set goals, and constantly assess readiness, importance, and confidence.
  - III. Moving Forward: “Intervention” provide youth with opportunities to build pro-social skills and to increase self-efficacy.
  - IV. Reviewing and Supporting: “Monitor Progress” increase incentives, remove obstacles, provide reinforcement, and teach maintenance strategies.

**Contracting detention services out of County will have a negative impact on our ability to provide effective case management.  
We need access to the youth to be successful.**



## **Justice Center Programs and Services**

### ➤ Treatment Services

#### ➤ Unique in-house services

- Gets them assessments quicker
- Gets them into services quicker
- Builds strong partnerships and collaboration with other treatment providers
- We are able to build innovative programs, such as Chemical Dependency ART. We are the first and only in the State with this program.



## Justice Center Programs and Services

- Detention Alternative Programming (non-offender services)
  - We implement positive life skills and initiate goal setting for youth to have the opportunity to succeed in **furthering their education and living a prosocial life**. We work with youth on an individual basis to connect, understand and assess specific needs each individual youth may have. Throughout the course, youth will engage in discussions regarding the topic of the week, participate in weekly projects, discuss their perspective on the topic, and have the opportunity to summarize the material they have learned at the end of the week. We **encourage youth to connect with our community partners** in order to turn their school experience and effort around.



## **Justice Center Programs and Services**

### ➤ Education:

We work collaboratively with Okanogan School District to provide a self-contained, individualized education for youth in our care with the curriculum being aligned with the Okanogan Outreach School. The school offers youth a variety of learning options to meet their needs with their education in detention and once released with a transition program.



## **Justice Center Programs and Services**

### ➤ Education: GED Program

Currently Okanogan county juvenile department is a certified GED testing facility and we have 3 certified GED test examiners to help youth take the GED once they are ready. We have tested 33 youth since opening our testing center in 2011 with 29 youth achieving success and getting their GED, this brings our success rate to 87.9%. This is a collaborative effort between the Okanogan School District and the Okanogan County Juvenile Department. Again, this program was unique in the State which lead others to follow.



## **In Summary,** **Extensive Services and Programs delivered in or through** **our Justice Center**

- Drug and Alcohol Assessments
- Outpatient Counseling Services
- Education and Early Intervention Services
- Chemical Dependency Aggression Replacement Training
- Family Education/Support with Substance Use
- Outreach Outpatient Services
- Referral's to Residential Treatment
- Drug Testing (UA's)
- Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
- Aggression Replacement Training (ART)
- Transfer Coach for continued ART instruction
- Theft Reflections Class
- Disposition Reports (Pre-Sentencing Reports)
- Probation Officer involvement with detained youth for a successful community transition.
- Detention Alternative Programs (DAP)
- Step Down Program (Probation violations reduction)
- OHBC Mental Health 24 hours on call
- OBHC weekly mental health counseling service
- Public Health Nurse
- Substance Abuse Recovery Activities (NA/AA Meetings and Drug Court)



## **Martin Hall/Chelan**

They are not invested in our community. They cannot provide better services and they both cost more.

Okanogan \$112 a day

Chelan \$120 a day without transportation costs

Martin Hall \$155 a day without transportation costs

**“They’ve got the advantage of us, they can do things we just simply can’t. They can maintain that connection with the community...” -Chelan County**

**“Personally I wouldn’t, I wouldn’t without seeing an advantage to that”. - Lincoln County Commissioner**



## Okanogan County Juvenile and Family Services



**Partnering with Our  
Community,  
Strengthening Our  
Youth: Our Future**

