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Statistics

- Average stay—3 weeks in both Shelter and Detention.
- 60% of residents are in Detention, 40% in the Shelter.
- Gender distribution: 70% male, 30% female.

Per diem: \$199 for Detention, \$190 for Shelter



Westmoreland County Regional Youth Services Center

Juvenile Shelter/Detention





Westmoreland

County's Regional Youth Services provides short-term care for male and female youth ages 10 to 21* in need of emergency shelter placement or placement in secure detention.

Our secure detention facility houses up to 12 alleged delinquent or adjudicated juveniles awaiting disposition of the court. The youth shelter, with 8 beds, is a non-secure facility maintained separately from detention for dependent and delinquent youths.

We strive to minimize the negative effects of confinement and focus on protecting the community when juveniles cannot remain with parents. Renovated in 2010, the Center boasts attractive, well-lit common spaces including a TV lounge, library, and an outdoor basketball and recreation areas.

Education is provided on-site by certified teachers.

We provide a safe environment with structure and discipline, focused on education and respect. Our goal is to have a positive impact on the youth we encounter. We view juvenile detention as a process, not a place. Our programs are based on education, competency development, and social responsibility. We:

- Provide for basic needs such as shelter, food, clothing, and medical care.
- Protect the juvenile's legal rights during their detainment.
- Provide for physical, emotional, religious, educational, and social needs during detainment.
- Maintain a safe, humane environment, maintaining the level of security necessary to assure that youth live free of fear of assault and intimidation by staff and other residents.

For intake, please bring the completed intake form and immunization records, last dental, last physical, court orders for placement, current medication, and signed authorization for treatment. At this time, transportation to the Center is the responsibility of the referring county.

Download the intake form at www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/youthshelter

*18-21 year olds accepted providing they have agreed to or have been court ordered to remain in the custody of the placing county's Juvenile Probation or Children's Bureau.

