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Woodward Academy



Notice of Privacy Practices

Woodward Academy a Joint Commission (JCAHO) accredited program opened on the campus of the Woodward Resource Center on July 10, 1995. Today, Woodward Academy is a 248 bed residential treatment program for male youth. Woodward Academy offers three different residential programs ranging from 90 days to 18 months working with students from 12 to 18 years of age. Woodward Academy also offers one non-residential program, the Day School. The Day School serves male and female students from the greater Des Moines and surrounding areas who are struggling in the public school setting.

Our programs are aimed at redirecting delinquent, negative behaviors to positive, socially acceptable patterns. Woodward's treatment philosophy focuses on behavioral and cognitive change through the establishment of a normative culture using the sociological and cognitive behavioral model as well as offender specific treatment services.



Programs Offered/Student Profiles

Sexual Offender Treatment

To be considered for admission, the juvenile:

- May be a sexual offender.
- Will be a male between the ages of 12 and 18.
- May have an AXIS I diagnosis, as defined in the DSM-IV.
- May have an AXIS II diagnosis.
- May be on prescribed psychotropic medication(s).
- May have demonstrated sexually aggressive crimes.

- May demonstrate violent behavior and lack of impulse control.
- Behavior, conduct, oppositional, and /or anti-social disorders, not a diagnosis

90-Day Highly Structured Profile

To be considered for participation in this program, juvenile offenders must meet the following minimum criteria:

- A males between ages 15 and 17
- Committed a public offense that is an aggravated misdemeanor or above
- Not committed a forcible felony
- A prior adjudication of delinquency
- Be able to participate in vigorous physical activities. (If the student is unable, in a physician's opinion, to perform the activities: either the student will be discharged, or a specialized exercise program will be developed for that student that takes into consideration the student's specialized needs.)
- Behavior, conduct, opposition, and/or antisocial disorders, not a diagnosis of schizoid disorders, pervasive developmental disorders, unmanaged depression and/or active psychotic disorders
- Impulsive and have problems with anger control and aggression
- Lack self-discipline

Community Residential Profile

To be considered for participation in this program, juvenile offenders must meet the following minimum criteria:

- A male between the ages 13 and 18
- Displayed/committed delinquent type acts/ behaviors
- Be able to participate in vigorous physical activities. (If the student is unable, in a physician's opinion, to perform the activities: either the student will be discharged, or a specialized exercise program will be developed for that student that takes into consideration the student's specialized needs.)
- Defiant, post traumatic stress disorder, ADHD, Antisocial Diagnosis, and/or secondary substance abuse not a diagnosis of schizoid disorders, pervasive developmental disorders, unmanaged depression and/or active psychotic disorders.
- May exhibit behavior and/or conduct disorder, oppositional
- Impulsive and have problems with anger control and aggression
- Lack self-discipline
- Have a low degree of empathy for others
- May be delinquent, CINA or private admission. No court order necessary
- Iowa students must obtain CACT AUTHORIZATION when necessary

Day School

Woodward Academy has an Alternative Day School that serves central Iowa. This department is devised of special education teachers, content teachers and behavior support staff. The school operates on a 180-day schedule and currently serves 57 students within 19 school districts.

Whom Do We Serve?

The typical student admitted to Woodward Academy is a juvenile offender who does not have deep-seated psychopathology, but has learned negative patterns that victimize others. Students typically show a low degree of empathy for others, have poor means-ends reasoning, are impulsive, have problems with anger control and aggression, are irresponsible, deny and/or justify negative behaviors (i.e., consider themselves victims when confronted), pride themselves on antisocial values and behaviors, lack self-discipline, and are counteractive and non-compliant with authority.

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Sequel Youth and Family Services complies with all PREA federal standards. For more information please visit www.prearesourcecenter.org.

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