



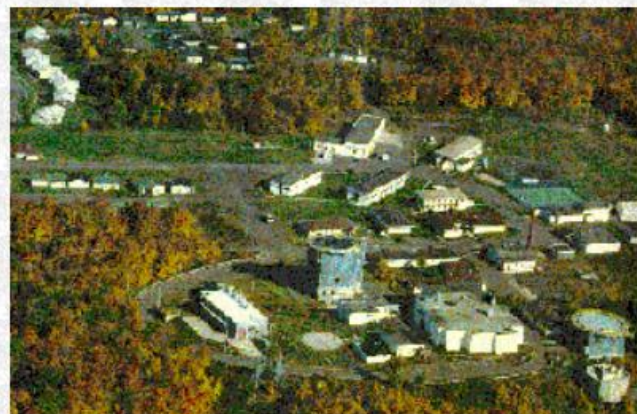
Keweenaw Academy

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Residential Capacity: 200



Keweenaw Academy is located at the former Calumet Air Force Station in Keweenaw County, Michigan. The facility, at capacity, will serve 200 young men between 13 and 18 years old in a work-oriented learning and behavioral change program.

The program is made up of four phases:

Phase I is a boot camp model that establishes student accountability and responsible behavior. This phase lasts two months.

Phase II features YSI's Positive Peer Culture and assists students in developing new ways of behaving and thinking while receiving constant feedback from peers and staff. In all areas of programming, students work with peers and staff to set concrete goals. This occurs in a highly confrontational, cognitive behavioral approach to learning and making changes. Progress in all areas is constantly checked and related back to the student's daily behavior and decision making. Students experience success and analyze failures in nearly every area of life, preparing them to meet challenges outside the academy. This phase lasts nine to 12 months.

Phase III is a transitional living program that prepares students for reintegration into community-based aftercare. In groups of four to six within a functioning household, students will spend up to four months gaining hands-on experience. Students will be responsible for maintenance of the home and all related issues pertaining to independent living.

Phase IV is Community Based Aftercare, where the student returns to his home or post-residential placement. Aftercare workers assist the graduates in school placement, securing employment, and family intervention. Community Based Aftercare lasts from three to six months.

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