



Florida Department of
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Kissimmee Youth Academy



2330 New Beginnings Road
Kissimmee, FL 34744

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County: Osceola **Circuit:** 09

Risk Levels: High-risk
Residential, Maximum-risk
Residential

Director: Dawn Buchanan **Director Title:** Facility Administrator
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Gender: Male

Operating Capacity: 95,
Ages 14-21

State Owned: Yes

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Directions:

From the North:

- Take the Florida Turnpike toward Miami.
- Exit US-192/US 441 towards St. Cloud (US 441).
- Turn right on US 441.
- Turn right on Simpson.
- Turn right on New Beginnings Road.

From the South:

- Take the Florida Turnpike towards Orlando.
- Exit US-192/US 441 towards St. Cloud (US 441).
- Turn right on US 441.
- Turn right on Simpson.
- Turn right on New Beginnings Road.

Program Description:

Kissimmee Youth Academy is comprised of multiple co-located residential commitment programs serving high-risk and max-risk females youth aged 14-21. These programs provide services utilizing evidence-based practices to provide comprehensive care, treatment, and supervision. Youth will also receive psychotherapeutic services, including individual, family, and group counseling.

Kissimmee Youth Academy high-risk program provides youth behavioral/mental health, substance abuse, and borderline intellectual functioning services. A youth's length of stay is determined by the youth's assessed risk to reoffend, their progress in reducing applicable criminogenic needs and risk factors, and the completion of their individualized treatment plan.

Kissimmee Youth Academy max-risk program provides youth behavioral/mental health, substance abuse, and borderline intellectual functioning services. The designated length of stay for a youth is 18 to 36 months.

Academic & Career Education:

The [Florida Scholars Academy](#) provides all educational services for residential commitment programs within the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. It offers a tailored education system that accommodates the unique needs of each student by providing multiple pathways to success. The academy offers individualized support to help students achieve their educational and career goals. This includes obtaining a high school or equivalent diploma, earning valuable industry-recognized credentials, and/or enrolling in postsecondary education at a Florida college, university, or technical college. The ultimate aim is to equip students with the necessary skills and qualifications for a successful career.

Provider:

[Youth Opportunity Investments, LLC](#)



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