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Clarinda Academy

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Residential Capacity: 247

YSI developed and manages the Clarinda Academy, a 247-bed residential academy in Clarinda, Iowa. Established in February 1992, Clarinda was YSI's first academy program and serves adjudicated males from 14 to 18 years old, having an approximate one year length of stay.

Clarinda operates an on-campus school in association with the local community school district and the school's regular as well as special education programs are accredited and grant diplomas and transferable credits. Clarinda also offers a GED program. Its treatment program is a cognitive-behavioral program delivered in a positive peer milieu.



Clarinda has developed a World of Work curriculum comprised of seven courses, including carpentry, building maintenance, mechanical drafting, automotive maintenance, auto body repair, small engine repair, and certified nursing assistant programs. In addition, students have created a for-profit company through which they conduct six different businesses on and off campus. All jobs are performed as part of a student's restitution requirement or for an hourly wage. If the student is a father, part of his wages are deducted for child support payments.

In keeping with YSI's emphasis on teamwork and physical development, Clarinda Academy's physical education activities range from daily PT to interscholastic team sports. Clarinda is a member of the Iowa High School Athletic Association and currently participates in a variety of interscholastic sports including wrestling, football, baseball, and track and field.

Although the majority of the youths served by Clarinda Academy come from Iowa, there are many youths from other states, including Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Montana, Minnesota, Nebraska and Texas. With the excellent results experienced at Clarinda, the good relationship with the community and high level of demand for placement there, we expect to expand the licensed capacity in the near future.

Clarinda accepts 14 to 18 year old males with a full-scale IQ over 70, and who are assaultive and aggressive conduct-disordered students with a history of severe, chronic delinquent patterns and problems with anger

control and aggression. These youths are also typically influenced by their peers, and value antisocial behaviors. The average duration is 9 to 12 months. *Clarinda Academy does not admit students with a history of fire-setting, those currently on psychotropic medication, or those with a history of sexual perpetration.*

Programs:

- Residential and Partially Contained
- Open Facility - Residential
- Violent and Aggressive Behavior
- Educational/Vocational Development
- Developmental Support

Facilities and Locations