

Division of Youth Corrections

Mission Statement >>>

To protect, restore, and improve public safety through a continuum of services and programs that: effectively supervise juvenile offenders, promote offender accountability to victims and communities, and build skills and competencies of youth to become responsible citizens.

Vision Statement >>>

“Working with Colorado Communities to Achieve Justice”



Grand Mesa Youth Services Center

Mission Statement >>>

A dedicated staff committed to protecting public safety by providing a secure, educational, and therapeutic environment to help all youth succeed in life.

Vision Statement >>>

“Every Youth Can Find Success”

Colorado Department of Human Services Division of Youth Corrections

5 Core Values

Division Employees will
Speak and Act with **INTEGRITY**

*Treat Youth, Families and
Each Other with* **RESPECT**

Demonstrate **TRUST**

Reflect Personal
ACCOUNTABILITY

Pursue **EXCELLENCE**

5 Key Strategies

The Division will Provide
**THE RIGHT SERVICES AT THE
RIGHT TIME**

delivered by
QUALITY STAFF

using
PROVEN PRACTICES

in
SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

embracing
**RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY
JUSTICE PRINCIPLES**

Working with Colorado Communities to Achieve Justice

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Visitation is an avenue to build and maintain healthy family and community relationships.

Visit Information >>>

Families of youth in the care of the Colorado Division of Youth Corrections are encouraged to visit the facility.

All visits require a scheduled appointment. You can request visitation by contacting the Grand Mesa Youth Services Center Control Unit at (970) 242-1521 ext. 10.

Visitation Hours >>>

Monday-Friday: by appointment

Detention Youth: Saturdays 1pm-2pm

Committed Youth: Sundays 1pm-2 pm, 2 pm-3pm

Visits are allowed with immediate family members, legal guardians, and grandparents. Youth have the opportunity for weekly visitation

Grand Mesa Youth Services Center **Program Information >>>**

Grand Mesa Youth Services Center (GMYS) is a 67-bed co-ed secure, multipurpose facility operated by the Colorado Division of Youth Corrections (DYC) located in Grand Junction Colorado. GMYS provides detention, regional diagnostic/assessment for newly committed youth and secure commitment services. GMYS is located in the Western Region of the state and services clients from 6 Colorado judicial districts. These districts are the 6th, 7th, 9th, 14th, 21st and 22nd Judicial Districts. The above Judicial Districts encompass 18 counties: Moffat, Routt, Grand, Rio Blanco, Garfield, Pitkin, Mesa, Delta, Gunnison, Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Hinsdale, Dolores, Montezuma, La Plata, Archuleta and San Juan. GMYS provides daily programming for both detained and committed youth in the areas of education, clinical services, recreational activities, healthy living and transition services.

The detention unit at GMYS is designed to provide services to youth being detained while awaiting court and/or youth that are serving short court sentences. Detention youth participate in cognitive behavioral programming designed to teach positive thinking skills, anger management, improved decision making, empathy and other social related skills. Through a collaborative effort with Ariel Clinical Services, youth in detention receive as needed brief mental health assessments and crisis management counseling. In addition, youth participate in psycho educational groups designed to promote victim empathy, independent living, goal-setting and anger management. Educational services for detained youth are provided through the Mesa County District 51 schools. Educators from the local school district are on site daily through the week to provide assessment to appropriate grade

level and classroom instruction. In addition, youth receive daily recreation and structured leisure time.

GMYS operates two units designed to provide services to youth that are adjudicated and committed to the Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Corrections. Youth entering commitment status from the Western Region of the state into the Division of Youth Corrections complete a 30-day assessment period at GMYS where they are assessed for criminogenic risk and protective factors as well as treatment, mental health, education/vocation, drug/alcohol and transitional needs. The commitment program is designed to provide services that prepare youth for re-entry into their individual communities. Youth receive a variety of services including: education, individual and group treatment, restorative justice and psycho-educational groups designed to promote accountability, victim empathy and community justice. Youth participate in multiple daily activities designed to promote good social skills. Educational services are provided year-round and are provided by certified state teachers. Educational opportunities include core subjects, elective subjects and vocational instruction. While in school youth have the ability to work on grade-level appropriate work for transferable credit to high school graduation. Youth may work towards earning a GED while residing in the program. Youth receive physical education as well as vocational instruction in the areas of culinary, general construction trades and custodial services. Clinical services are afforded to all youth based on need. GMYS has a full clinical staff that provide services in the areas of mental health, offense specific and substance abuse treatment.



Restorative Community Justice (RCJ)>>>

Grand Mesa Youth Services Center embraces the Restorative Community Justice philosophy, a balanced approach concept that helps repair the harm done to victims and/or communities by a juvenile in the custody of DYC. Grand Mesa is committed to helping communities by utilizing a comprehensive transition program that allows us to partner with our communities in various ways to promote successful re-integration.