

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”



Platte Valley Youth Services Center

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A World Class facility serving juvenile offenders, families and communities

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The Platte Valley YSC team is dedicated to: students and families, community safety, the PVYSC staff team, and continual improvement of services.

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**

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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 Platte Valley Youth Services Center Control Unit at (970) 304-6220.

Visitation Hours >>>

Monday-Sunday 9am-9pm
No personal visits Wednesday from 5pm-9pm except as approved.
Professional visits scheduled as needed.

Youth have the opportunity for a minimum 30-minute visit per week. The number of visits per month can be increased by progress made in treatment and level system advancement.

The standard length of a visit is 30 minutes. Longer visits may be approved. For visitors traveling more than 50 miles, a one-hour visit is granted.

Platte Valley Youth Services Center

Program Information >>>

Platte Valley Youth Services Center (PVYSC) is a 103-bed co-ed secure, multipurpose facility operated by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Corrections (DYC). PVYSC provides detention and secure custody treatment services. The facility is located in the Northeast Region of the state and services clients from five Colorado judicial districts: the 8th, 13th, 17th, 19th and 20th Judicial Districts. The above Judicial Districts encompass 12 counties: Larimer, Jackson, Boulder, Weld, Adams, Morgan, Logan, Sedgewick, Phillips, Washington, Yuma, and Kit Carson.

The local school district, Weld County District 6, provides licensed teaching staff for the facility's comprehensive school. Youth can generate the credits necessary to receive a diploma, or receive a GED while at PVYSC. Some post secondary offerings through AIMS Community College are available if they can be subsidized.

PVYSC provides secure detention holding for youth from ages 10 through age 17. Judicial districts rely on detention to assure a safe return to court for youth who are assessed as being likely to flee or are a danger to the community.

Platte Valley is a secure custody location for long-term committed youth. The facility has counselors, clinical staff and a licensed psychologist. PVYSC provides a wide variety of treatment services grounded in evidenced-based principles and

cognitive behavioral interventions including relationship-based and strengths-based services. Services are provided in the areas of individual, family and group therapy, substance abuse treatment, psychological evaluation, medication management, case management, individualized education, restorative justice, life skills education, transitional services, and gender specific (female) programming. The facility also provides services for youth committed on a sexual offense. Committed youth are provided the opportunity to participate in a food service vocational program in accordance with their needs and interests. The program is both accredited and certificated.

All youths are given the opportunity to attend weekly religious services and we will make arrangements as necessary for independent services. Youth are all granted one hour of recreation daily and are provided nutritional meals and snacks that correspond to the daily caloric intake required by the Federal school lunch program.

There are four levels in the behavioral management program. These are Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior and Senior levels. With positive behavior, youth may gain expanded privileges. Privileges are typically tied to bedtime, allowable items in the youth's room, number of phone calls home or number of visits to enumerate a few.

The agency has an excellent audit record, being audited annually with some 700 standards, with many Outstanding Practices awarded over time



Family Involvement >>>Strengths-based>>>Relationship-based

PVYSC understands and appreciates the important role families play in the lives of their youth. Platte Valley utilizes a strengths-based, relationship-based approach. It is an approach that focuses on the identification, creation, and reinforcement of strengths and resources within individuals, their family, and their community. It is an approach that assists youth in gaining knowledge and skills for how to interact in pro-social, non-abusive ways. It also emphasizes the importance of forming positive therapeutic relationships with youth and creating an environment in which youth will be actively engaged in treatment.