Washington State Department of CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

DCYF Juvenile Rehabilitation Monthly Informational Report – September 1-30, 2025

Total Residential Population (9/30): **430** youth

EGCC: **99** | GHS: **208** | HH: **22** | CF: **92** | CTS: **9**

JR Admissions September 2025

Total Admissions: 30

88% Juvenile Sentences: 12% Adult Sentences

Profile of Current Residents

Juvenile sentence: **282 (66%)**
Adult (pre-25 release): **57 (13%)**
Adult (post-25 release): **91 (21%)**
Anticipated JR Length of stay: **1,133 days**

Most Common Most Serious Offenses

Robbery: **143 (33%)**
Assault: **103 (24%)**
Murder/Manslaughter: **85 (20%)**
Burglary: **28 (7%)**
Rape/Rape of a Child: **18 (4%)**

Population Details

Echo Glen Children's Center:
*Min: 0%; Med: 68%, Max: 32%**
Adult Sentence: 8%

Green Hill School:
*Min: 6%; Med: 20%, Max: 74%**
Adult Sentence: 48%

Harbor Heights:
*Min: 0%; Med: 27%, Max: 73%**
Adult Sentence: 82%

**Maximum security numbers include all individuals with post-25 sentences who have no other classification level options.*

Population Movement

Transfers to CTS: **2**
Transfers to CFs: **17**
Discharge/Release to Parole/Transfer out:

- From GHS: **22**
- From EGCC: **23**
- From Community Placement: **12**

GHS Incident Data *(Date range)*

Code Red: 1 *(i.e. life-threatening medical, 911 call)*
Code 1: **0** *(all staff response, i.e. riot, large fight)*
Code 2: **20** *(immediate backup, i.e. fight, threat to self or others)*
Code 7: **2** *(campus wide lockdown)*
Staff callouts: **251**
Individual unit day or swing shift events that modified programming occurred due to staffing: **2**

Residential Review Board Hearings (RRB)

Total: 2; Voluntary: 2 (granted); Contested: 0
Voluntary hearings are held due to request to move to DOC (i.e. a preferred placement or program available), Involuntary hearings are held due to continuing and serious threat (i.e. sustained violence, drug trafficking)

Programming Realities

Bright Spots:

GHS: Health Services unit has made progress in integrating medical, dental, mental health, SUD, and DBT services under a new "**Holistic Health" model**, supporting well-being and rehabilitation.; Young people in units operating with dedicated counseling staff have noted a great improvement.; Staffing levels have stabilized, allowing for more consistent engagement and programming.; During the **annual PREA audit**, the auditor reported young people are aware of how to report an incident and feel they are taken seriously.

EGCC: Echo Glen had two high-school students graduate with their **High School Diploma** from ISD school district in the month of September. The superintendent of ISD came to show her support and congratulations. Currently the average school attendance for the 2025-2026 school year is at 79%, higher than the published state average.

HH: HH successfully graduated six young men from **Roots of Success**. This is a major accomplishment and a testament to the commitment of staff and young people. DCYF Counselor-led **Manhood Morning Groups** have been powerful daily sessions for young men and support Harbor Height's mission of building leaders. Counselors have also been leading **fantasy football** with the young men on the weekends.

Challenges:

GHS: With the expansion of integrated services, space is an ongoing challenge. Running multiple clinics simultaneously requires careful coordination of transportation, scheduling, and staffing to ensure residents receive timely and efficient care. Hawthorn and Maple continue to have a large number of Counselor 1 vacancies, impacting programming. The expected hire dates for new staff are Nov. 16.

EGCC: EGCC is seeing an up-tick in gang motivated incidents at school and in the cottage.

HH: Continued delays with permitting for the new medical portable have pushed back the timeline for opening the second wing of Harbor Heights to mid-December.

Behavior Management & Hearings Update

Rule Violation Response (RVR) Implementation Update: DCYF has launched a more formal, agency-wide project related to the implementation - including the assignment of a project manager. The RVR Guide for residents has been updated and is soon to be published. WAC, policy, and procedure development is continuing and anticipated to be completed before the end of calendar year 2025. DCYF is preparing to post positions funded in the 2025 session for rule violation and classification specialists, who will help with behavior management operations within JR once hired.

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Placement Acronyms:

- **GHS**: Green Hill School (Safe Capacity of 180)
- **EGCC**: Echo Glen Children's Center (Safe Capacity of 112)
- **CF**: Community Facility (Safe Capacity of 116, only serves qualifying individuals)
- **CTS**: Community Transition Services (Serves individuals for up to the last 18 months of their sentence, as they qualify)

Definitions:

- **Rule Violation Response (RVR):** A review process occurs as a part of DCYF JR's Rules and Violations Process to determine the consequence for a violation.
- **Residential Review Board (RRB):** A formal board that conducts a review hearing to determine if a recommendation should be made to the Juvenile Rehabilitation's Assistant Secretary to transfer a youth to DOC. Details for conduct leading up to and at the hearing can be found in Chapter 110-745 WAC, and JR Policy 5.51.
- **Acts of Aggression** include the following incident types: assault, fight, threats of violence, serious resident disturbance.
- **Drug Related Incidents** include the following incident types: possession of alcohol/drugs, solicitation of alcohol/drugs, distribution of alcohol/drugs, positive urinalysis test, admission of use, evidence of use, illegal alcohol/drug paraphernalia.

Additional Resources:

- DCYF Agency Strategic Priorities
- Relevant webpages
  - Changes to the Juvenile Rehabilitation Population SFY 2020-2024
  - JR: Understanding Average Daily Population (ADP)
  - Juvenile Rehabilitation Annual Fact Sheet
  - Room Confinement and Isolation
  - Behavior Management Rules and Violations Process
- September DCYF Press Releases and Media
  - New Youth Voice Webpage to share content created by young people in JR!
  - DCYF Hires Assistant Secretary of JR
- DCYF regional map

DCYF JR is working to refine what is included in these information sheets. If you have any recommendations, please reach out to stephanie.budrus@dcyf.wa.gov for discussion.

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