Warren County Schools
Day Treatment Program

Background

During the last two decades hundreds of students have successfully completed the Day Treatment Program. Many of these students have returned to their home schools and have been successful in the classroom. Others have completed a GED and have made positive contributions in the work environment. In addition to success in the classroom and community, Day Treatment students are monitored for additional legal problems and can be required to return to Day Treatment to receive additional treatment.

Day Treatment is limited to 30 students. Students generally stay between four and ten months, with the average stay of seven and a half months. The staff consists of eight including a director, two mental health counselors, two teachers, two aides, a recreational therapist and a compliance coordinator.

Day Treatment has been a part of the Warren County Schools since August 2003. Warren County Schools offers this excellent opportunity for treatment and education through a partnership with the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice. Day Treatment follows the Warren County school schedule except in the summer. During the summer an additional thirty-five days are added to the Warren County school calendar.

"Day Treatment teaches you discipline and respect for others and yourself."

Program Description

Warren County Day Treatment provides youth and their families with community based services that focus on prevention of delinquency. Services are provided to approximately 30 students between the ages of twelve and eighteen.

Day Treatment offers community based treatment and education for youth experiencing behavioral difficulties, court adjudicated juvenile offenders, as well as youth transitioning back into the community from a more restrictive setting. The Day Treatment Program provides opportunities that promote growth and development. The program also encourages each student to reach their potential by promoting positive socialization within the school, community and home.

Program services are provided as an alternative to residential treatment. Day Treatment is a Warren County school, which has comprehensive educational and clinical resources including: educational and psychological evaluations; individual, family and group counseling; classroom education; and G.E.D. preparation.

"Day Treatment has helped get me away from all the bad stuff I was doing like drugs... it gave me a chance to make something (out) of my future and get my GED."

"Day Treatment gave me a new start and let me learn from my mistakes. Now I can succeed in life."
Expectations

Warren County Day Treatment operates on the “Phase System” of behavior modification. Completion of each of five phases is determined by the accumulation of points that rewards positive achievement with increased privileges and provides logical consequences for inappropriate behaviors. Students are encouraged to modify unacceptable behavior in an environment that supports positive change. As students move through the five phases they continue to learn positive behaviors and increase success in performance. Program completion prepares the student be released from daily program attendance to return to public school, or in some instances, employment.

As a community based treatment program, family involvement and family counseling are important components of the program. Student progress in the program is discussed with the family. Students and families work together to develop common goals. Family involvement is facilitated through home visits, telephone contacts, progress reports, family counseling, treatment team meetings and collateral therapy.

Warren County Day Treatment has a zero tolerance for violence, fighting and threatening behavior. If a student engages in terroristic threatening, threats of violence, fighting and other types of defiant behavior the program director will take appropriate action.

Day Treatment is a highly structured program with specific behavioral expectations. Students are required to wear uniforms, keep conversations appropriate and follow staff directions. Day Treatment does not tolerate unexcused absences or tardies. Day Treatment students will not be involved in horseplay, profanities or touching. All students in the Day Treatment program are on curfew. Students are subject to random searches and drug tests.

Referrals

Students begin the enrollment process with a referral from any of the following:

- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Warren County Courts
- Court Designated Worker
- Department for Community Based Services-Division of Protection and Permanency
- Warren County or Bowling Green City schools
- Social Worker

Please contact Day Treatment to obtain referral forms. Once the referral has been received, a staff member from Day Treatment will complete an assessment. The referring individual or agency will receive written notice of the outcome within ten days. A student’s enrollment into the program may be delayed until an opening is available.

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