

PROJECT RISE

FACT SHEET

Reforming the Juvenile Justice System

Project Rise is a community-wide movement in Milwaukee that paves a positive future for youth in the justice system and creates safer neighborhoods for everyone. The youth justice reform initiatives are spearheaded by the Milwaukee County Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS).

This approach paves a positive future for our young people and creates safer neighborhoods. DYFS aims to reduce the number of youth in the justice system and ensure all individuals, regardless of their background, experience safe, healthy and meaningful lives.

Closure of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake

Act 185 requires the closure of Lincoln Hills School for Boys and Copper Lake School for Girls by January 2021 and will result in the building of new State and County locations. The closure of these facilities is a critical step in Milwaukee County's larger plans for youth justice reform.

The State is planning to build facilities for youth committed to the Serious Juvenile Offender (SJO) Program.

The County's youth secure care center will be for youth who have committed less-severe offenses and focus on restorative justice programming and reintegration back into the community.

Milwaukee County Youth Secure Care Center

Milwaukee County plans to build a youth secure care center that will bring our young people back home. This new center will offer support and resources that lead to better outcomes and decrease the likelihood of recidivism. The new center will be secured and monitored and allow youth to remain connected to their communities and families while receiving care. Project Rise is committed to treating youths as individuals, fostering their development and building safer neighborhoods.



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Details

- The new youth secure care center will house youth convicted of lower classifications of felonies, as well as youth who have been convicted of non-felony offenses but who still require secure residential care and treatment.
- Both boys and girls will reside at the new center.
- The center will provide educational programming and instruction, and treatment based on the needs of each individual.
- The location has not been determined.
- The capacity has not been determined.

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