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Phoenix Emerging Adults Career & Education (PEACE) Center at St. Charles

The purpose of the Phoenix Emerging Adults Career & Education Center (PEACE) is to equip graduate young adults ages 17-20 with vocational, career, educational, and life skill development opportunities in a setting that is developmentally appropriate for young adults. There will be a variety of programming opportunities to support each young adult's successful and sustainable reintegration into the community. IDJJ estimates 25- 30 young adults will participate as the transition begins.

Highlighted Programs & Partners

- **Vocational Training**
 - Personal training
 - Barbering
 - Technical Manufacturing Association
 - Youthbuild
 - Culinary
 - Career certifications (online & virtual reality platforms)
- **Educational**
 - Elgin Community College
 - Northwestern U
 - Lakeland College
- **Employment**
- **On campus work assignments for 10-30 hours/week**
- **Behavioral Health**
 - Mental health & substance use treatment
- **Conflict Resolution**
 - Skill building Programs that include peace circles & mediation
 - Anger management
- **Leisure Time Activities (LTA)**
 - New Life Centers
 - Project Flex
 - Art studio
 - Restorative Justice groups
- **Life Skills**
 - 2x/week programs like personal finance, Nova Driving School
- **Fitness**
 - New weight room & fitness programming
- **Community Service**
 - Development of volunteering in community
 - Safe Humane
- **Education in Community**
 - Local outings to museums, art exhibits, etc.

**Young adults will work with multi-disciplinary team (MDT) to identify their programs and schedules. Plans will be tailored to individual needs.*





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PEACE Young Adults

- **Apply & interview** for admittance to PEACE
- **Arrive on “Orientation Status”** (up to 7 days) to meet staff, choose programs, get familiar with PEACE campus
 - Reception process also happens during orientation
 - Orientation takes place on the “reflection” unit
 - PEACE specific clothing & hygiene items issued
- **Sign a contract** within 7 days of transfer to PEACE
- **Enroll in at least 36 hours/week of programs** in at least two areas
- **Agree to an assigned work area**
- **Have access to all program incentives** when consistently meeting terms of their contract (details below)

Common Areas

- Dorm like furniture
- Bean Bags
- CD Player
- Microwave
- Fridge
- Large TV
- Gaming System

Individual Amenities

- Alarm Clock
- Watch
- Ear Plugs
- Laundry Baskets
- Calendars
- Non Slip Socks
- Air Fresheners

Schedule Highlights

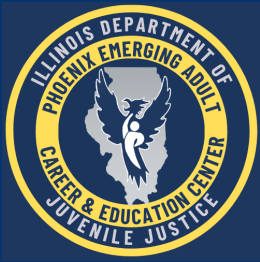
- **Daily** 9:30 pm bedtime
 - 9pm unit cleanup
- **Weekly** Teen Center access
- **Biweekly** WalMart orders*
- **Monthly** bday celebration
- **Monthly** day release trips*
- **Monthly** excused personal day
- **Monthly** off grounds food*
- **Quarterly** family events

*Applies to young adults w/o behavior report for the month

Noteworthy

- The Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) is comprised of YFS, educational and vocational, staff, MHP, LTA, Chaplain
- Contracts will be available to all DJJ and Vendor staff, including in a binder on the young adult’s housing unit. Young adults will also have a copy of their contract.
- Young adults that are eligible will be reviewed for Authorized Absence.





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PEACE Contracts

- Young adults who do not meet the expectations of their contract will be addressed by their MDT during the monthly staffing or at a specially convened meeting.
- Young adults failing to meet their contract expectations will be placed on a reflection cottage with minimal privileges for a minimum of 7 days. The MDT will develop an individualized plan to guide the young adult's return to the housing unit with amenities. The MDT will work with young adult for up to two months to return to meeting contract expectations. A young adult who no longer wants to continue in the program, or who is unable to meet their contract expectations will transfer to another IDJJ facility or, for those sentenced as adults, to IDOC.

PEACE Behavior Management

- This program will not be based on the level system (A, B, C) but will be based on the youth contract system. If a young adult is meeting all the expectations of their contract, they will have access to all privileges and incentives.
- Young adults in this program will not have point cards.
- The immediate consequence for any Tier 2 or Tier 3 rule violation will be an early bedtime of 8pm that same day.
- The Adjustment Committee may impose additional consequence for Tier 2 or Tier 3 rule violations in accordance with the Youth Discipline A.D.
- In lieu of writing Behavior Reports for Tier 1 rule violations, staff will correct and redirect the behavior, document and refer to the young adult's Staffing Team. Patterns of Tier 1 rule violations may result in the young adult being placed on a reflection cottage.

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