

# Juvenile Facilities

At Eldora and Toledo

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<p><b>Purpose</b></p>	<p>The State Training School at Eldora and the Iowa Juvenile Home at Toledo provide treatment and educational services within a highly structured setting to assist youth who are adjudicated delinquent or children in need of assistance (CINA).</p>
<p><b>Who</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Eldora serves delinquent boys age 12-18. In SFY11, the average daily census was 142 with 167 admissions and 169 discharges. There were also 82 court-ordered 30-day diagnostic evaluations.</li> <li>▪ At Eldora, average age at admission is 16.6. Boys stay about nine months. Fifty-five percent need substance abuse treatment and 56 percent have special education needs.</li> <li>▪ Toledo serves girls aged 12-18 adjudicated by the court as delinquent, and both male and female children in need of assistance (CINA). In SFY11, the average daily census was 59. There were 57 admissions and 76 discharges. There were also 16 court-ordered 30-day diagnostic evaluations.</li> <li>▪ At Toledo, average age at admission is approximately 16 for delinquent females and CINA females and approximately 14 for CINA males. Delinquent youth stay about seven months; CINA youth stay about 10 to 12 months. Twenty-six percent need substance abuse treatment, and 77 percent have special education needs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What</b></p>	<p><u>Both facilities provide:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Basic education to develop fundamental academic and life skills. Special education services and vocational programs are offered.</li> <li>▪ Substance abuse treatment and physical and mental health care services.</li> <li>▪ Individualized care and treatment featuring behavioral programs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How are we doing?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Both facilities reduced capacity in SFY2011. Eldora begins SFY2012 with 130 beds compared to 167 a year earlier. Toledo has 57 beds compared to 77 a year earlier.</li> <li>▪ As capacity decreases, the remaining students have ever greater needs. Many have significant mental health challenges, special education needs, substance abuse histories, and serious criminal records. Populations are increasingly characterized by multiple deficits and extreme emotional disturbance. At Toledo, 78 percent of students require psychotropic medication.</li> <li>▪ At Eldora, post tests show 72 percent of students improved on reading scores and 85 percent improved on math scores. At Toledo, the numbers were 62 percent and 49 percent.</li> <li>▪ Confidence builders: Eldora students erect Habitat for Humanity homes across the state. In addition, Eldora's Honor Corps group provides mentoring, presentations, and testimonials across the state to at-risk students and others. Toledo students participate in community service projects such as volunteering at the county care facility and the local humane society. Toledo youth regularly speak to middle school students for drug prevention awareness.</li> <li>▪ In 2009 Eldora achieved accreditation by the American Correctional Association, with ACA reviewers saying Eldora's performance puts it among the elite in the country. Eldora was previously accredited in 1985 but had to relinquish it three years later when it was unable to sustain standards.</li> </ul>