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Peace Learning Program at Pendleton Juvenile shows great results

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In partnership with the Indiana Department of Correction and Federal Title 1, Peace Learning Center implements an intensive peace education program for incarcerated youth that blends conflict resolution and diversity skills with challenge education that promotes personal responsibility for success.

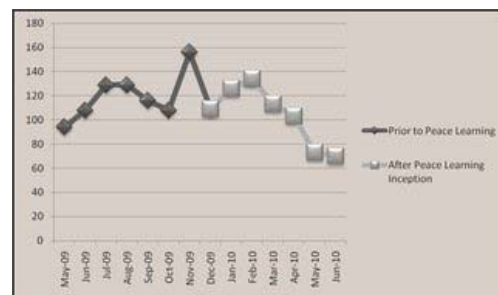
Behavior reports tracking by the Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility show positive results for this program in its first seven months of operation. Bearing in mind that Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility is the maximum security juvenile male facility for the state, houses the most aggressive juvenile male offenders in the state, and contains roughly one-third of the entire incarcerated male juvenile offenders in Indiana:

□ Prior to the program's inception, the facility averaged 120 Reports of Juvenile Conduct for aggressive and assaultive behaviors each month. After beginning the program with only the new Intake offenders in mid-November 2009 and tracking through June 2010, the facility averaged 104 Reports of Juvenile Conduct for aggressive and assaultive behaviors each month – a 14% decline in aggressive and assaultive behaviors for the entire facility.

□ In mid-February 2010 and continuing through the present, the Peace Learning program was expanded from new Intake offenders only to an additional, select group of offenders from General Population who were considered the most aggressive and disruptive. Since then, Reports of Juvenile Conduct for aggressive and assaultive behaviors have decreased from 134 in February to 70 in June – a 52% decline in aggressive and assaultive behaviors for the entire facility.

Charting clearly shows the decline in these extreme negative behaviors as more and more of the population has been exposed to the Peace Learning Program

□ On December 31, 2009, the most promiscuous offender in the facility, responsible for over one-third of all of the inappropriate sexual conduct reported in the entire facility, was reclassified to Unit A2, the Intake Unit, for two reasons: single-man rooms, and Peace Learning group. This young, 15-



IDOC records show a 52% decline in aggressive and assaultive behaviors facility-wide since the Peace Learning Center started working with the most aggressive and disruptive students.



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year-old offender fully engaged in Peace Learning for the next seven weeks – and never engaged in any inappropriate sexual conduct again during the rest of his stay, roughly four months, at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility. This young man arrived at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility on August 4, 2009, and on December 31, 2009, he had still never been promoted past Growth Level 1 due to his behaviors and negative attitude.

After participating in Peace Learning for only seven weeks, he moved smoothly through the rest of the Growth Levels, Re-Entry, and Release, graduating from this facility on July 6, 2010. He has told everyone at every opportunity, “Peace Group changed my life! This is the best thing that has ever happened to me.”

The US Department of Justice and Heath and Human Services completed extensive research regarding factors that help protect youth from violence, delinquency, and antisocial behavior. These individual level traits and characteristics that have been identified as protective factors include:

- conflict resolution and critical thinking skills
- the ability to be adaptable and flexible and have empathy and caring for others
- a sense of purpose and belief in a positive future
- a commitment to education and learning
- the ability to act independently and feel a sense of control over one’s environment
- the ability to solve problems, plan for the future, and be resourceful in seeking out sources of support

Peace Learning Center’s programs focus on building these protective factors in youth. This recent research indicates that the Peace Learning Program at the Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility is delivering on these protective factors.

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