
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

Fiscal Services Division

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Eldora Training School

Background

The State Training School at Eldora is managed by the Department of Human Services. The School provides treatment and educational services within a highly structured setting to assist youth who are adjudicated delinquent. The School has 130 residential beds on a campus consisting of 36 buildings on 361.2 acres.

Population Served

The School provides treatment and educational services to delinquent boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years. In FY 2018, 220 youth were served, including 116 admissions and 119 discharges. The average daily census was 95, down 17 from the previous year. Additionally, two court-ordered, 30-day diagnostic evaluations were completed. The average boy at the School has had eight prior placements, is 16.5 years of age, and has special education needs. The percentage of Eldora Training School youth needing psychotropic medications has increased consistently, from 33.0% requiring psychotropic medications in FY 2009 to 58.0% in FY 2018. The average stay is 10.5 months, up 0.5 month from the previous fiscal year.

Services Provided

The School provides a variety of educational, vocational, and health services, including:

- Comprehensive residential treatment program available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This program provides a variety of educational, psychological, psychiatric, and behavioral services.
- Specialized treatment services to sex offender youth and intensive substance abuse treatment.
- High school, high school equivalency, and college credits. The Honors Corps is comprised of the top 10.0% of the student body and provides students with a forum for leadership and achievement.
- Vocational certifications in welding and other crafts. The Baker Careers Program provides an opportunity to learn the food service industry. Students in the Program provide 95.0% of the desserts and 33.0% of the bread and rolls for the menu at the School.
- Treatment including anger management, gang diversion, basic social skills, and behavior modification.
- Specialized evaluation services for juvenile court officers and judges.

More Information

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Funding

The Eldora State Training School General Fund appropriation is included in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Act. State General Fund dollars make up approximately 75.0% of the School's annual budget.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [218](#) and [233A](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [441—103](#)

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