

Bridge City Center for Youth at West Feliciana

- Certain youth who have been adjudicated as delinquent and are in the custody of the OJJ, primarily confined in the current Bridge City (BCCY) facility, have destroyed the physical facilities to the point that they have to be renovated and repaired.
- Because of this damage, the current Bridge City (BCCY) facility no longer has enough available beds that are in habitable condition.
- The youth have assaulted and injured staff members to the point that many staff members have voluntarily ended their employment with OJJ.
- The youth have routinely attacked one another and have injured other youth. They routinely disrupt all rehabilitative services within the OJJ.
- OJJ previously transferred the youth to the Ware Facility, the Acadiana Center for Youth in St. Martinville Facility, Acadiana Center for Youth in Bunkie, Swanson Center for Youth in Monroe, and to another facility located in Alabama. The youth rioted and utterly destroyed the dorms at all five facilities.
- It was determined that the Bridge City Center for Youth at West Feliciana (“BCCY-WF”), which is located on the campus of the Louisiana State Penitentiary (“LSP”) has the proper physical facilities needed to house the youth who exhibit these behavioral traits.
- BCCY-WF is approximately 100 yds inside the main gates of LSP. *See Google Maps Overhead Satellite Photo Depicting West Feliciana facility.*
- BCCY-WF is structurally up to date and sufficient for this purpose.
- BCCY-WF is approximately 1.5 miles from the nearest adult housing unit. *See Google Maps Overhead Satellite Photo Depicting West Feliciana facility.*
- The fence around BCCY-WF will be wrapped in solid fabric so no one can see in or out.
- OJJ will provide all maintenance services (other than infrastructure damage).
- OJJ will provide all medical care and healthcare services.
- OJJ will provide all programming, education, cafeteria services, etc.
- OJJ has a dedicated staffing plan and has begun retaining staff and has retained a director for BCCY-WF. *See West Feliciana Staffing Pattern.*
- Staff at BCCY-WF will utilize body cameras.
- All incoming staff will undergo additional training to ensure security within BCCY-WF.
- OJJ will run BCCY-WF independent of LSP. However, DOC will assist OJJ with staffing by providing interior and perimeter roving similar to what is being provided at other secured facilities while the OJJ continues to onboard new staff, and DOC may provide specifically cafeteria operations, maintenance, and exterior security support.

- Consistent with federal and state requirements, the youth within BCCY-WF will not be in contact with adult inmates .
- No youth have been transferred to BCCY-WF yet.
- No youth will be moved until BCCY-WF facility is ready.
- BCCY-WF is to be a temporary housing solution for the youth.
- OJJ has already completed the following wrap around services for BCCY-WF: Food service, maintenance, pest control, lawn services, emergency ambulance services, trash and waste disposal, insurance and OHC.
- OJJ has already devised a training plan and daily schedules for BCCY-WF.
- OJJ has prepared / contracted for special education services, medical services, parent / guardian / family visitations via Zoom calls for the Youth who will be transferred to BCCY-WY.
- OJJ has scheduled the following tasks to be completed prior to any movement of youth into BCCY-WF: mesh around fencing, staff housing delivered and utilities connected, IT services (i.e., cameras, radios, phone lines, laptops, access controls installation/on site).
- OJJ has prepared a schematic of the BCCY-WF facility with labelling of all dedicated space. *See West Feliciana Floor Plan.*
- OJJ has prepared and formally approved the necessary Youth Services Policies for the Transitional Treatment Unit (TTU) and Youth Classification System and Treatment Procedures. *See Copies of Youth Services Policies B.2.8 - Transitional Treatment Unit (TTU) and B.2.2 - Youth Classification System and Treatment Procedures.*