



# Career Facts

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## Manitoba Youth Centre

Manitoba Youth Centre (MYC), located at 170 Doncaster Street in Winnipeg, is the largest youth correctional centre in Manitoba. The centre provides care, custody and a variety of programs for about 150 young people charged with an offence or sentenced to a term of custody under *The Youth Criminal Justice Act*.

Young people admitted to MYC have been:

- charged with a youth offence and remanded in custody, awaiting a decision by the court
- committed to open or secure custody by the court
- brought to the centre under charge by the police

Young people under the influence of drugs or alcohol may also be held at the centre under *The Intoxicated Persons Detention Act* until they are detoxified and can safely be released to a responsible person. They receive a notice to appear in court at a later date.

### Programs

Programs offered to offenders at MYC:

- anger management
- victim awareness
- academic/education
- Culturally Appropriate Program
- Triple P parenting
- Voices (gender responsive program for young females)
- Thinking Awareness Group
- substance abuse
- spiritual and religious programs
- lifestyle and health related programs

Juvenile counsellors manage the information and intervention programs. Teachers provide individual educational programs. Volunteers manage a range of programs, such as Alcoholics Anonymous and bible study.

### Work Programs

There are limited opportunities for offenders to gain work experience while at MYC including kitchen and groundskeeping/cleaning.

## Other Activities

MYC has a secure outdoor recreational area, a gym and an activity area. Juvenile counsellors organize and supervise all activities. Chaplains and Aboriginal spiritual caregivers provide pastoral and spiritual care.

## Staff

MYC has nine cottages divided into three centres:

- remand custody
- open custody
- secure custody

Each cottage is staffed on a 24-hour basis by juvenile counsellors and, during normal school hours, by a qualified teacher, all under the direction of a cottage supervisor and senior unit officer. A shift operation manager provides 24-hour direction in daily operations. Trades instructors prepare meals and supervise the cafeteria work program. Registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses provide 24-hour medical and mental health services and a paediatrician works at MYC three mornings a week.

Corrections staff must work as part of a team, using sound judgment and a mature, common-sense approach to decision-making and inmate interventions. Candidates will take the correctional officer/juvenile counsellors screening tests. The tests assess written skills, problem-solving and decision-making abilities, judgement and other personal characteristics important for correctional staff.

If you are selected for correctional officer/ juvenile counsellor training, you must:

- Submit a recent Criminal Records Search Certificate.\*
- Submit Child Abuse and Adult Abuse Registry Checks.
- Submit Emergency or Standard First Aid and CPR Level C certificates.
- Have a valid Manitoba Class 5F driver's licence.
- Meet medical fitness requirements.

\* A previous criminal record does not necessarily mean a person cannot become a correctional officer/ juvenile counsellor — it will depend on the nature of the offence and how long ago the offence was committed. You may apply for a pardon if you meet the requirements.

## How to apply

Send an application for employment and a resumé to:

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