

Determining the needs...

The Youth Center Staff will work with schools, school counselors, counseling services, and Probation to develop a plan for each juvenile participating in the Program.

This plan will be based upon:

- OYAS Risk Assessment
- Brigance CIBS II
- 40 Developmental Assets Survey
- MAYSI - 2
- Diagnostic Assessment
- Identification of trauma and chronic trauma
- Juvenile and Parent Surveys
- Reports from educators and school counselors
- Reports from contracted licensed counselors
- Reports from Probation/Diversion



Time to Invest will operate Monday through Friday year-round and will follow a daily schedule that includes the required educational instruction hours. In addition, participating youth will be placed in necessary counseling or evidence-based programming. Transportation will be provided to and from **Time to Invest**. **Time to Invest** staff will pick participants up at their home at a designated time in the morning and transport them to the Seneca County Youth Center.

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| 7:00 | Group Meeting Time |
| 7:30-11:15 | Time to Invest Classes |
| 11:15-12:00 | Lunch and Group Sessions |
| 12:00 - 1:40 | Time to Invest Classes |
| 1:40 | Participants return to home school for bus ride home |

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TIME TO INVEST

**An Extended Day
Treatment Program for
Juvenile Justice Youth**

**Features Education, Cognitive
Behavioral Therapy (CBT),
Socialization, Counseling,
Community Service, and Vocational
Training**

**Seneca County Juvenile Court
Judge Jay A. Meyer**



PERSPECTIVE...

Seneca County Juvenile Court strives to achieve a balance between protection of the community, imposition of accountability, and the development of skills and competencies to increase positive outcomes in youth.

Our community has a right to be safe and secure. To achieve a safe community we must focus on prevention, supervision, and control.

Time to Invest is an alternative to detention or formal charge. It will provide intensive services for youth likely not be available to them at their home school. Program capacity is no more than 12 juveniles at any given time.

Individual progress will be closely monitored to assist in achieving the identified goals for each juvenile. The program will also help youth develop strong relationships in our community.

Program Offerings ...

Education:

Many of our youth are credit deficient. In addition, many of our youth do not have skills to behave properly in school settings, which results in further educational deficits.

Time to Invest will offer youth credit recovery for participating schools, will help juveniles complete schoolwork, and will help alleviate educational deficits.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapies (CBT):

Time to Invest will include cognitive behavioral curriculums that concentrate on changing the criminogenic thinking of youthful offenders by using programs such as Thinking for a Change (T4C), Aggression Replacement Training, and Rational Emotive & Cognitive-behavior Therapy (REBT).

These evidenced-based programs have proven to be successful in increasing pro-social skills which allows youth to more appropriately manage themselves and their environment. They teach juveniles to identify and replace pro-criminal thinking and behavior with pro-social ones, thereby reducing criminal behavior.

Socialization:

Time to invest includes programming and exercises to improve communication skills, teach social manners, educate participants on how to conduct themselves and dress appropriately in school and in the workplace.

And More:

Teens will be given training and opportunities for workforce development and independent living.

Preparing youth for independent living has been shown to enhance self-sufficient living. Successfully employed youth with good relationships with employers and co-workers are at lower a risk of re-offending.

Counseling:

Behavioral health services will be provided by licensed therapists. **Time to Invest** will incorporate one-on-one counseling, group counseling, and trauma therapy.

Community Service and Vocational Training:

Youth will be required to participate in service-learning community service programs. Some examples of service learning include: community garden programs, community clean up opportunities, and shoveling and raking programs for eligible elderly citizens.

Exposure to educational and vocational opportunities in our community is also included in **Time to Invest**. These opportunities may include: college and university tours; factory tours; community group meetings; trade organization meetings; discussions with local farmers, exposure to arts programs; and listening to guest speakers from various careers.

AND SO MUCH MORE.