Sociology 332 Juvenile Delinquency
Presentation Tips: Treatment Programs

This handout is intended to help individual or group presenters who have chosen to review some type of treatment program for delinquents. The following outline should be used as a reminder of areas you should include in your data collection / investigation. You may find it helpful to have this list with you when you contact your program.

Name and Location
What is the official name of the facility? Who is the director? Where is the facility located?

Purpose (Mission) of the Facility
What type of youth is served (be specific)? Is the facility residential or non-residential? What level of custody is present? What do they hope to accomplish (the mission statement)?

Clients Served
How many youth are served? How can they be described according to gender, age, types of offense or other special characteristics (such as sexual offenders, violent offenders, etc.)

Physical Facility
Describe the facility in detail. Is it a single building or more like a campus? How many buildings? How old is the facility? How many acres of land does it occupy? What can we find there other than just buildings (e.g., basketball courts, baseball fields, farming, etc.)?

Staffing
Count the total number of employees (full and part-time). What job titles do they hold? Which positions require a college education? Do any require specific degrees (e.g., licensed psychologist)? Don’t forget to include support staff such as custodians, teachers, office workers, etc.).

Budget/Funding
Who funds the facility? What is the total annual budget? Do they get state dollar only or do they also receive private funds? What is the cost per child per day?

Programs (Non-Therapeutic)
Does the facility have a regular school? Vocational education? Is there a recreation program at the facility? Do the residents work at jobs at the facility or elsewhere as part of job training?

Programs (Therapeutic)
What “treatment” or “treatments” are present? Do they group counseling? Individual counseling? Behavior modification? Psychotherapy?

Is there a standard “treatment plan” that all residents must complete? Describe it in as much detail as possible.

Describe the typical day (Monday-Friday)
Tell us what the youth do. When do they get up? What do they do next? When do they go to the next activity? When is breakfast, lunch and dinner? When do they do counseling?

Describe the typical weekend activities
Things are usually different on weekends. Describe what the residents “typically” do.