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ACRONYMS

ACT	Anger Control Training	HSED	High School Equivalency Diploma
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	HSU	Health Services Unit
BHS	Bureau of Health Services	ICRS	Institution Complaint Review System
BOCM	Bureau of Offender Classification & Movement	LTE	Limited Term Employment
DAI	Division of Adult Institutions	OSHA	Occupational Safety & Health Administration
DOA	Department of Administration	PDCI	Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution
DOC	Department of Corrections	PIOC	Persons In Our Care
DMV	Department of Motor Vehicles	SOAR	Success, Optimism, Avail, Recover
ERP	Earned Release Program	SUD	Substance Use Disorder
FY25	Fiscal Year 2025	SWTC	Southwest Wisconsin Technical College
	(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)		(Fennimore, WI)
GED	General Educational Development	T4C	Thinking for a Change
		UW	University of Wisconsin
		WSPF	Wisconsin Secure Program Facility



MESSAGE FROM WARDEN JAEGER

Welcome to the Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution (PDCI) FY25 Annual Report; all the successes and hard work within this report, reflects the compassion of all working here.

PDCI continues to support the guiding principles set forth by the Department of Corrections (DOC) by continuing to be a resource to our population and the local community partners of Southwest Wisconsin. Providing a subsidized workforce to local companies, other DOC facility's and non-profit organizations has proven to be beneficial to all involved within reintegration efforts.

PDCI's population average stay is less than 5 years. Our work program opportunities, accompanied by our robust education and substance abuse/earned release programs, provide a balance of resources for Persons in Our Care (PIOC) to take advantage of. The programs available at PDCI are designed to provide an avenue for each individual to address their unique set of criminogenic needs, in an effort to reduce the rate of recidivism.

Community based programs are proven to be successful in reduction of recidivism and better prepare PIOC to enter the workforce. The work release program at PDCI progressed during this reporting period, adding additional PIOC worker numbers to each site. The work release program continues to benefit the PIOC, citizens, local businesses, the DOC and the State of Wisconsin taxpayers.

The following report identifies the accomplishments and dedicated work of those at PDCI serving our community.

Peter J. Jaeger

Warden

INSTITUTION PROFILE

Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution

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Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
608-326-7828

Purpose

The Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution (PDCI) operates as a minimum-security facility for adult males. The basic purpose and objectives of the institution are:

- Protect the public, our staff and those in our care.
- Provide opportunities for positive change and success.
- Promote, inform, and educate others about our programs and successes.
- Partner and collaborate with community service providers and other criminal justice entities.

History & Development

A railroad hotel was built on the current PDCI grounds in 1857 and was known as the Brisbois House. It was later used as a hospital for soldiers for a year during the Civil War and housed approximately 300 soldiers. The hotel closed a few years later. Local citizens established the Prairie du Chien College on the site in 1866. The property was bought by Mr. John Lawler of Prairie du Chien in 1867 and the Prairie du Chien College was closed in 1869. The property was turned over in 1871 by Mr. Lawler to the Christian Brothers, who opened St. John's College. St. John's College closed in 1876 and the property was reverted to Mr. Lawler.

In 1880, the property was formally deeded to the Jesuits, who opened Sacred Heart College and received a State of Wisconsin Charter in 1881. The school was closed to students in 1888 and used as a Novitiate and House of Studies of the Order of the Jesuits from 1888 to 1898, when it was reopened as a high school and college for boys.

In 1907, the Missouri Province took over the college and in 1909, Campion Hall was built and the name of the college was changed to Campion College of the Sacred Heart in 1913. In 1925, the college department was closed and Campion Jesuit High School officially started on the grounds. Campion was not completely a military school, though it was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.). The military program was headed by a Captain, a graduate of West Point and a Sergeant of the US Army. The boys that attended Campion were trained in physical, intellectual, moral and military development. Students from all parts of the United States came to Campion. A few of the present-day buildings at PDCI were erected prior to Campion's reign; however, the majority of the buildings were built between 1936 and 1970. Campion Jesuit High School closed in 1975 and the campus sold to the Wisconsin Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1976 for \$2.8 million. The facility reopened as Martin Luther Preparatory School in 1978 and closed in 1994.

The State of Wisconsin purchased this facility in 1995 for \$2.5 million to be used as a secured juvenile facility for non-assaultive male youthful offenders. The purchase included 21 buildings on 60 acres of land. Due to the decrease in the juvenile offender population throughout the Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC), the Legislature in 1997 passed Senate Bill 113, authorizing the Department of Corrections (DOC) to temporarily utilize this facility for the Division of Adult Institutions (DAI). The DJC contracted 302 beds at PDCI to the DAI to serve as a medium-security correctional institution for male youthful offenders with adult sentences in the age range of 15 to 21 years.

PDCI became operational on July 3, 1997. On August 27, 2001, a section of the property, including Hoffman Hall, was purchased by the city of Prairie du Chien. As of July 1, 2003, PDCI transferred from the Division of Juvenile Offenders to the Division of Adult Institutions (DAI). PDCI operated as a medium security facility until May of 2021, when it transitioned to a minimum-security correctional facility within the DAI.

INSTITUTION FACTS

INSTITUTION PROFILE:

Date Institution Opened	July 3, 1997	
Security Level	Minimum	
Operating Capacity	538	
Current Population	476	
Uniformed staff	122	
Non-uniformed staff	79.6	
PIOC to staff ratio	Approx. 2.66 PIOC / staff	
Number of acres	55.5	
Operating Budget Amount collected from PIOC for:	\$25,437,974.48	
Restitution Child support Victim Witness A Victim Witness B DNA Surcharge Court Costs & Fines Medical co-pay Room Board Transportation	\$958,767.80 \$27,290.64 \$11,470.64 \$4,427.06 \$36,189.06 \$98,507.45 \$7,057.50 \$111,281.57 \$32,186.78 \$81,824.06	

PROGRAMS:

PROGRAMS	# OF PIOC PARTICIPATED	# OF PIOC COMPLETED
Education		
General Educational Development/High School Equivalency Diploma (GED/HSED)	110	27
SWTC Bricklaying Diploma	20	3
SWTC Bricklaying Certificate	30	14
SWTC Building Maintenance and Construction Diploma	15	6
SWTC Building Maintenance and Construction Certificate	40	21
SWTC Welding Trailer Certificate	16	16
SWTC Microsoft Software Training	18	11
MATC Second Chance Pell	18	3
Work		
PIOC Employed in the Institution	235 FT/34 PT	NA
PIOC Employed in the Work Release Program	40	NA
Treatment		
Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment	44	37
Earned Release Program (ERP)	51	46
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	12	12
Anger Management	14	12



INSTITUTION ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND



STAFF APPRECIATION

PDCI hosted a successful Family Day in May 2025 for 22 families with 55 minor-age children.

Tours for local college groups: Multiple agencies/colleges toured PDCI in FY25, followed by a question/answer session with PIOC on the Choices panel .

The Project Crew completed 7,420.15 hours of service for local parks, city and county governments, and local non-profit organizations. PDCI is continuing to build upon current programs, including expansion of Project Crews. PDCI's second Project Crew that works at WSPF had 63,499.71 hours working in the kitchen preparing meals for WSPF PIOCs. WSPF Project Crew members are being sent in two shifts, Monday-Friday, and a third group on the weekend to work in the kitchen and assist in laundry.

In FY25, we had a total of 40 PIOC participate in our work release program and they worked a more than 35,000 hours

Forgiveness groups were again led by UWP Psychology students in fall, spring, and summer. Five UW students and 36 PIOC participated in FY25. In addition, 19 PIOC participated in Master Plan groups (facilitated by UWP students) beginning summer of 2023. Feedback from the two groups - from PIOC and students - has been very positive

Security staff are assisting with overtime at WCI and CCI who are experiencing large numbers of vacancies in the security ranks.

The PDCI Job Center, a collaboration between the Department of Corrections and Workforce Development, has continued operations. A contract staff member from Southwest Workforce Development Board works 4 days per week, including 3 evenings, to provide job searching resources and access to interviews. In the past year, 194 Job Center of Wisconsin accounts were created, 3720 appointments were scheduled for approximately 328 PIOC, 7 PIOC gained employment prior to release, 17 PIOC took DMV pre-tests, and 4 PIOC were accepted into post-secondary programs.

Pathways Home programming provides workforce development and educational opportunities for justice involved individuals. The program helps individuals pre-and post-release to enhance their job skills or education, find and maintain employment, and financial assistance with support services, as they pertain to their program goals, in transitioning back to their communities. Support services may include: transportation assistance, uniforms, tools, housing, release clothing, etc. This past year, 57 PIOC were referred to and 51 participated in the program through the PDCI Job Center.

The Windows to Work program promotes self-sufficiency for individuals returning to the community through the development of constructive skills and the modification of thought processes related to criminal behavior. The five components of Windows to Work are: 1) Cognitive Intervention, 2) General Work Skills and Expectations, 3) Financial Literacy, 4) Community Resources, 5) Job Seeking, Applications, and Resumes. Participants receive classroom training in the five core components while incarcerated and then collaborate with a Division of Community Corrections (DCC) coach to assist participants with job search and job retention activities for up to a year after release. In FY24 there were 15 completers.

Twenty-seven (27) PIOC earned their GED/HSED diplomas and 17 PIOC earned bricklaying/masonry certificates and diplomas through SWTC, along with 27 Building Maintenance and Construction diplomas and certificates.

Ninety five PIOC's started substance use disorder program during FY25. 83 completions and 12 non completions were noted in FY25. Of those completions 51 were ERP. 12 PIOC's started Thinking for a Change in FY25 and all 12 completed. 56 PIOC's started the Anger Management Program in FY25 and 52 completed.

One-hundred-three (103) birth certificates, 168 social security cards, 82 PIOC to the DMV (Licenses, Permits, etc.), and 61 state identification cards were obtained for PIOC.

Institution Coordinators

INSTITUTION PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER: (608) 326-7828

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COORDINATORS

- Education Director Rebecca Vance ext. 2600
- Institution Complaint Examiner Amy Schwab ext. 2005

COMPAS SITE COORDINATOR

Social Worker Morgan Flansburgh — ext. 2405

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP) COORDINATOR

Teacher Carolyn Klema - ext. 2602

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) COODINATOR

Training Captain Derek Chesebro - ext. 2307

STAFFING AND DEPARTMENTS

Warden's Office Warden (1) Deputy Warden (1) Secretary-Confidential (1) Institution Complaint Examiner (1) Program Assistant Confidential (1)

Management Services

Correctional Management Services Director (1)

Financial Program Supervisor (1)

Financial Specialist (1)
Financial Specialist Sr. (2)
Financial Specialist Adv. (1)
Inventory Control Coordinator (1)

Buildings and Grounds Superintendent (1) Electronics Technician Security Senior (1)

Facilities Maintenance Spec Adv. (3) Facility Repair Worker Adv. (1)

Plumber (1)

Power Plant Operator Senior (5)

HVAC/Refrigeration Specialist Adv. (1)
Food Service Administrator (1)
Food Service Manager (1)
Food Service Leader 3 (1)
Food Service Leader 2 (4)

Housing Units

Institution Unit Supervisor (3)

Social Workers (5)

Education

Education Director (1)

Librarian (1) Scheduler (1)

Teachers - 3 Vocational, & Academic (3)

Corrections Security Director (1) Program Assistant Confidential (1)

Supervising Officer 2 (7) Supervising Officer 1 (4) Correctional Sergeants (41) Correctional Officers (70)

Records

Offender Records Supervisor (1) Corrections Sentencing Associate (1) Offender Records Associate (1)

Program Services

Corrections Program Supervisor (2)

Chaplain (1)

Recreation Leaders (1) Social Workers SOAR (2)

Treatment Specialist 1`SOAR (5)

Treatment Specialist 2 (1)

Psychological Services Unit Psychological Consultant LTE (1)

Psychological Associate (1)

Health Services Unit (HSU)

Nursing Supervisor (1)
Medical Program Assistant Associate (1)

Medical Program Assistant Associate LTE (1)

Nurse Clinician 2 (3.6)

Health Services Unit (HSU) - BHS

Physician (1)

Dentist (.40)
Dental Assistant (.50)
Dental Hygienist LTE (2) (.20 & picks up days)

Optometrist (.05) (POÌ)

Physical Therapist (2) - (.20) (POI)

Human Resources—DOA Human Resources Director (1) Human Resources Assistant (1)

Payroll & Benefits (1)

Program Review Committee—BOCM Offender Classification Specialist (1)

Windows to Work Grant (1) Job Center Coordinator (1) Windows to Work Coach (1)

Southwest Wisconsin Technical College

Education Contract

Post-Secondary Academic Coach (1) Mobile Welding Trailer Instructor (1)

PDCI TREATMENT PROGRAMS

SOAR (Success, Optimism, Avail, and Recover) was established in April 2021. PDCI reserves six of ten spots in each group for ERP and four for non-ERP treatment.

Earned Release Program (ERP)

ERP is driven by WI Statute 302.05; it allows select individuals an opportunity to earn early release from incarceration by completing treatment, with their remaining confinement time served under extended supervision. ERP uses these curriculum for participants: Thinking for a Change and Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse. In addition, Social skills, Epictetus, and Anger Management are assigned to meet individual needs.

SUD (Substance Use Disorder) Treatment Program – Non-ERP

SUD treatment uses the same curriculum. The PDCI program is offered to individuals who are not eligible for ERP and are within 2 years of their release date. Completing the program about 8 months prior to the expected release allows for transfer to a work-release facility.

Thinking for a Change (T4C)

T4C is a research-based skills program which encourages the individual to change personal beliefs, attitudes, and thinking patterns associated with criminal/dysfunctional behavior. The program targets repeat offenders or probation/parole violators, those who have a history of violence or who show poor institutional adjustment (includes unmotivated, antisocial, impulsive, non-reflective, deny problems or demonstrate poor problem-solving skills or poor social interaction). Activity includes role play scenarios and homework. Numerous PDCI staff are trained in T4C (social workers, security officers, and supervisors).

Anger Control Training (ACT)

SAMHSA's anger management programs, such as the "Anger Management for Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Clients" manual, use cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) to help individuals understand and control their anger through practical skills. The curriculum teaches individuals to identify anger triggers, recognize the signs of escalating anger, and implement strategies like timeouts, deep breathing, assertive communication, and thought-stopping. The goal is to develop self-control, change negative thinking patterns, and learn problem-solving skills to manage anger effectively, often within a group or self-study format.

VOLUNTEER-LED PROGRAMS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

Community volunteers are one of PDCI's most valuable assets. PDCI serves individuals with diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, and most religious services are provided by community volunteers. The chaplain continually recruits new volunteers and serves as the primary staff advisor. PDCI volunteers are carefully screened prior to approval; they receive orientation and training prior to contact with the persons in our care.

During FY25, PDCI had 34 active volunteers. We continue to build our volunteer team to pre-COVID levels. Special events included a music ministry and a Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Christmas gift program for PIOC's children. Other programming includes a weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meeting and chapel library.

Forgiveness Group

Since 2018, UW Platteville psychology students have facilitated a "book club"-style discussion group on forgiveness during the summer, fall, and spring semesters. Interested PIOC sign up to read "Forgiveness is a Choice" by Dr. Robert Enright. For 12 weeks, 12-18 participants read, journal, and meet one evening weekly for small group discussion. Feedback from both UW students and persons in our care has always been extremely positive. Individuals report better insight into the material (and many then share with their families), and students report a unique learning experience they can't get in a classroom.

Master Plan Group

PIOC requested additional group opportunities and beginning in the summer of 2023, a second "book club" discussion group was added. It is also facilitated by UWP students over 12 weeks. The group reads "The Master Plan: My Journey from Life in Prison to a Life of Purpose" by Chris Wilson, and focuses on how to prepare a personal success plan.

Mindfulness

Twice each month, volunteers with the Wisconsin Prison Mindfulness Project provide training emphasizing breathing and relaxation techniques to interested PIOC. A growing body of research indicates mindfulness techniques can help reduce anxiety, depression, and reactive behavior in stressful and high-risk situations. Other positive, measurable outcomes include improved sleep and strengthened immunity. Positive results have been reported in medical facilities, schools, and prisons, and the evidence of effectiveness is growing. Most of those who participate at PDCI report positive results

Yoga and Tai Chi

PDCI shows a variety of free videos from the "Prison Yoga Project" and a National Institute of Health Tai Chi video on the institution channel. Basic yoga poses, breathing, chair practice, yoga for back pain, and relaxation/meditation are included.

WORK RELEASE PROGRAM

PDCI has three current employers that we partner with for this program. The program has expanded to anywhere between 25 and 30 participants. PDCI's work release program offers numerous opportunities for PIOC to gain valuable work experience and develop skills that will be essential after release. This gives them a sense of responsibility and work ethic while helping them build a resume for their future. Additionally, the work release program allows PIOC to earn wages and save money for their eventual release into the community while also paying on any outstanding obligations they may owe such as child support or restitution.

VISITATION

PDCI recognizes the importance of maintaining relationships with family and friends throughout incarceration. Video visiting continues to be a popular option for families. 8095 video visits took place in FY25. Pre-scheduled in-person visits were introduced in July 2021 and a total of 2406 visits occurred in FY25.

PDCI continues to seek more opportunities for family reunification.

On May 3, 2025, PDCI hosted its second annual Family Day for fathers with minor-age children. 22 fathers signed up. 55 children ages 1-16 spent almost five hours with dad in the gym/recreation yard. Activities included decorating a frame for their family photo and a few other craft activities, games, lunch and snacks provided by the institution. Perfect weather contributed to a wonderful day for everyone, according to PIOC, families, and staff. Amazingly, there was not a single complaint from PIOC who didn't attend, and who as a result were unable to have access to the gym/rec yard for a day and a half. Most expressed gratefulness that the kids were able to have a good time with their dads. PDCI intends to hold this as an annual event.

FOOD SERVICE

The food service department at PDCI had another successful year in FY25. We started out the year fully staffed in our department with some new faces on our team, including a new Food Service Manager. It was a year of learning and growth for our food service team. Our Food Service Administrator took on a lead role with the Food Management Council in DAI, which involved leading the audit team across the department. As the year went on, we experienced more staff turnover as other opportunities in the security ranks became increasingly popular. The Food Service team continue to go above and beyond in covering shortages in the schedule and taking on additional tasks. We ended FY25 with one CFSL-2 vacancy and additional new faces on our team. FY26 will be another year for learning and growth.

With the growth of our work release program and project crew providing kitchen workers to our sister institution, WSPF, the rate of turnover among PIOC workers continues to rise. Embracing the overall goal of our program, food service staff continue to work together to ensure coverage is provided and additional/ongoing training is provided to PIOC workers. We successfully prepped, prepared and served 1600 meals per day to our population and staff, ensuring the needs of dietary restrictions and religious accommodations are met.

Even with the reduction of our skilled PIOC workers, the Food Service team continues to operate our bakery where we produce bread, buns and other baked goods for our population and staff. This is not only a significant cost savings to the institution, but also provides an applicable skill to the PIOC upon release.

The food service department hosts two picnics each year for the population and staff, which provides a meal prepared on charcoal grills and is served outside on picnic tables. PIOC and staff look forward to this each year and the PIOC workers embrace the challenge and a different cooking experience.

We also provided cheese pizza and breadsticks for our institution family day hosted for PIOC and visitors.

The capital budget this fiscal year did not allow for replacement food service equipment, however, we are still waiting for the installation of new ovens purchased in FY24.

INSTITUTION COMPLAINT REVIEW SYSTEM

ICRS provides PIOC with an opportunity to have policies explained or clarified, raise grievances in an orderly fashion, and have grievances investigated by impartial staff. The ICRS process also serves to assess the institution climate. During FY25, 166 PIOC complaints were reviewed. Of these complaints, 24 were affirmed, 106 were dismissed and 36 were rejected. An additional 185 were returned.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD

PDCI is committed to being a "good neighbor" to the surrounding communities. Our Community Relations Board was formed with local community representatives to provide a forum for regular discussion on pertinent issues that may impact the institution and its neighbors. Members are comprised of volunteers from the local community, with meetings held three times a year. Meetings are held at PDCI, Prairie du Chien City Hall or Library, Prairie du Chien High School, or virtually via Zoom.

RECORDS OFFICE

The PDCI Records Office has three staff members; an Offender Records Supervisor, a Corrections Sentencing Associate and an Offender Records Associate. Some of our responsibilities include the maintenance of accurate PIOC records, involving lawful custody and release of PIOC as directed by Wisconsin Statutes, Department policy, and court rulings. This includes calculating and updating of new sentence information, managing PIOC legal and social service files, scheduling and monitoring PIOC file reviews, coordinating Parole Commission hearings, facilitating court pick-ups, processing interstate and intrastate detainer requests, assisting with PIOC requests for speedy disposition of warrants, detainers, and service of process.

The PDCI Records Office reviews PIOCs for proper placement in ERP as well as preparing, uploading and tracking the ERP documents that are sent to the Court. The sentencing court is notified when a PIOC completes ERP, at which time the sentence is modified to allow release on extended supervision. Once PDCI receives all the signed amended Judgment of Convictions, the Records Office coordinates the release of the PIOC within 6 business days.

The PDCI Records Office also coordinates, maintains and tracks all files for PIOC transfers and releases. This fiscal year there were 243 releases, 319 transfer-ins and 125 transfer-outs from PDCI.

HEALTH SERVICES UNIT

PDCI's Health Service Unit continually strives to execute the mission of the Department of Corrections and Bureau of Health Services: "The administration and provision of health care, health education and preventative care for the DOC consistent with professional, community and correctional health care standards." Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Our staff includes 3 full-time FTE RNs, 1 part-time FTE RN, 1 Health Services Manager, 1 full-time FTE MPAA, 1 part-time LTE MPAA and one part-time agency NP. Our dental clinic is open 2 days per week and is staffed with one dentist, one dental assistant and one dental hygienist. After hours, weekends and holidays nursing staff are on call and available for any medical concerns. A on-call physician is also available for further consultation by the nurse as needed 24 hours a day.

Health Services meet with PIOC patients for all types of medical issues, which include: diabetes, asthma, heart disease, high blood pressure, hyperlipidemia, infectious diseases, minor illness, injuries, etc. Educational opportunities are offered for various medical and lifestyle changes. On-site services begin daily with triaging Health Service Request slips and filling medication and medical supplies requests, scheduling clinic visits, performing patient assessments and assisting the physician, dentist, optometrist, psychiatrist, psychologist, occupational and physical therapists.

The Health Service Unit utilizes an Electronic Medical Record for medication administration and nursing documentation. Central Pharmacy in Waupun provides patient prescriptions and refills as well as vaccinations. Local pharmacy is utilized for medications needed in a timely manner.

PIOC may receive X-rays, ultrasounds, and Fibroscans on-site. All other imaging testing is done off-site as indicated. Patients are sent to our local hospital, Crossing Rivers Health, for emergency needs as well as many specialty services. PDCI also utilizes Gundersen Hospital in Lacrosse, and UW Hospital in Madison for other specialties, including Neurology, Cardiology, Orthopedics, Oncology etc.

SECURITY

The mission of the Security Department is to protect the public, staff, PIOC, and property of PDCI. Security personnel are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the facility, which include: PIOC housing and living conditions, searches of PIOC and their property, movement and transportation of PIOC, receiving and processing PIOC mail and property, supervising PIOC work details, co-facilitating rehabilitative evidence-based programming, scheduling and supervision of community service projects, and coordinating with program staff to assist PIOC in obtaining necessary documentation, i.e. driver's license, social security cards and birth certificates. Security staff, in coordination with programming staff, are responsible for scheduling work crews for several non-profit community organizations. As a minimum classification facility, PDCI provides community outreach opportunities for the Work Release Program.

Security personnel respond to security emergencies that may arise and are often the first responders for a variety of medical emergencies. During FY25, a total of 649 conduct reports were processed. Of these, 125 were majors, 524 were minors, and 42 were appealed to the Warden.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE EFFORTS

Choices Panel

In conjunction with DOC's restorative justice initiative, PDCI sponsors *Choices* for young men, ages 12-25; it was designed through a collaboration with local agencies to serve Southwest Wisconsin. It is a free resource for agencies working with youth. The intent is to encourage youth to seek and accept help in making better choices, recognize all of their options, and avoid criminal behavior.

The panel also serves as an educational tool for college students in criminal justice, psychology, sociology, nursing, and other human services. Typically, after a tour of the institution students are given an opportunity to question persons in our care about their criminal activity, court involvement, prison life, motivations, families, and future plans. During FY 25, nine tours participated in a Choices panel. Groups included 128 participants: Human services students from South Western Technical College (SWTC), social work students from Luther College (Decorah, IA), criminal justice students from UW, Wisconsin visiting judges, and future health professionals from WI Community Health Immersion.

Restorative Justice Month / Victims' Rights Awareness Week

PDCI staff provide a voluntary programming opportunity for inmates during Restorative Justice Month in November and Victims' Rights Awareness Week (NVRAW) in April. Programs consist of presentations and videos by/ about victims, circle discussions led by staff and UWP CJ students, an apology seminar and how to plan to repair harm.