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### **A Positive Impact on Youth**

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A recent survey shows that youthful offenders at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTCs) in Kearney and Geneva recognize the impact staff make in their lives.

The survey asks each youth who leaves a YRTC: *“What was the best thing this facility did to get you ready to move to your next placement or to go home?”*

At YRTC-Geneva, 95 percent of the youth surveyed responded positively regarding their stay. At YRTC-Kearney, 97 percent did.

Responses from youth at the YRTC-Geneva included:

- They got me ready to be a good, successful young lady and helped me follow rules and be a better person in the community.
- They helped me find ways to cope with anger and disappointment and learn new, positive things to deal with my behaviors.
- They opened my eyes to see that not only was I hurting myself, but I was hurting others, too. There’s no way that I would ever want to hurt my family again by choosing drugs over them.
- They helped me understand what I can do to stay sober.

Responses from youth at the YRTC-Kearney included:

- They helped me find better ways of approaching situations
- They helped me be accountable for my actions and not blame other people.
- They helped me with my problems and helped me to trust people.
- It helped me feel confident in my decision to stay on the right track and to deal with my “thinking errors.”

We’re fortunate to have employees at our YRTCs who really care about the youth and who are dedicated to helping them make positive changes.

The survey is part of Performance-based Standards (PbS) for Youth Correction and Detention Facilities, offered and monitored by the National Council of Juvenile Corrections Administrators. The YRTCs are among 198 facilities across 28 states participating in PbS.