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Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home Literacy & Tutoring Center

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On June 15, 2009, the new Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home facility will open. The expanded facility will have 62 beds for detention, a day treatment program for youths living at home, and an alternative education program for non-residents. This facility will provide a continuum of programming for youth involved with the 9th Judicial Circuit Court from secure long term residential programming to community based services incorporating the families and community in the treatment of our youth.

In the past, many adjudicated youth spent time in the Juvie Home and were ultimately sent out of state for secure residential treatment. This was costly and when the youths came back home to Kalamazoo, having lost the support system they had built, they inevitably fell back into old routines getting them into further trouble. The secure long term residential unit will have the capacity to house 16 incarcerated youth providing them with the care and support system necessary to help them build a new life. The Literacy and Tutoring Center will serve this population.