

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Center
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Date of Proposed Action:	September 2, 2025

Issue

A presentation given by the director of the Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Center, which serves the City of Charlottesville.

Background / Rule

The Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Center (BRJD) opened for operations in July of 2022. They serve juveniles aged 10-17 in five jurisdictions: City of Charlottesville, County of Albemarle, County of Culpeper, County of Fluvanna, and the County of Greene. Their website is: <https://brjd.org/>

Analysis

The mission of Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention is to provide residents with a safe, clean, healthy, and secure environment through a structured program. This includes assessment of residents' needs through the integration of Academic, Mental Health, Medical, Programs, and Security practices. BRJD works to encourage and foster interagency collaboration in support of transitioning residents to the community.

The Center serves up to 40 juveniles aged 10-17. Residents are provided access to their Academic Program, which is staffed by Albemarle County Schools and is a State-Operated program. Residents also have access to physical education, in-house programming such as gardening or beekeeping, connection with community services for education and other programming, and religious services if desired (not mandatory). The Center also has medical and mental health care access for the residents, including a full-time Region Ten Community Service Board Mental Health Case Manager/Clinician to support the residents.

Financial Impact

The City of Charlottesville supports the Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Center as part of its annual budgeting process.

Recommendation

Report Only.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

1. Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Council Presentation