Building Approval

NRTC will secure a building approval and occupancy permit in each of the following instances:

1. Prior to initial certification.
2. At the time of any major modification or alteration of any existing structure, unless the structure will no longer be in use.
3. As required by the Ohio Department of Commerce or from a county or municipal building department certified by the Department of Commerce to inspect and approve the building code use group applicable to the Center.

All building approvals and occupancy permits are secured from the Ohio Department of Commerce or from a county or municipal building department certified by the Department of Commerce to inspect and approve the building code use group applicable to the Center. NRTC maintains compliance with all local and state building codes and ordinances.

Building Accommodations

NRTC provides adequate space for youth, direct care staff, support staff, education services, administrative staff and contract agencies providers. NRTC is a 24 hour facility with rotating staff. NRTC does not provide sleeping accommodations for direct care staff. On the main floor, NRTC has four main wings, a center dinning/activity area and staff control room, kitchen, and reception area. The four main wings include two living wings with four residential sleeping and living units, one education wing, and one administrative wing. Each wing has additional offices either assigned to support/contract staff, or extra meeting space. Storage and maintenance rooms can be located around the facility and kept secure at all times. Extra storage area is located in the basement. NRTC also has a large gym that is used for recreation, health, training, and large events. The outside area contains staff and visitor parking areas along with three gated green spaces for outside youth recreation. Three basketball courts can be found on the grounds.

Chapter:	Physical Plant
Subject:	Living Rooms & Lounges
Section:	7.2
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ODCY Rule:	5180: 2-9-26
COA Standard:	GLS
Revised:	5/11/20; 1/1/26

Each living unit of the facility has at least sixty square feet of activity space per youth residing in the living unit, exclusive of bedrooms, halls, bathrooms, kitchens and storage areas. NRTC's activity space includes areas equipped with sofas, armchairs, tables and recreational equipment. For the purpose of this requirement, our dining area is included in square footage requirements as it is used for activity space.

Chapter:	Physical Plant
Subject:	Dining Areas
Section:	7.3
Page:	1 of 1
ODCY Rule:	5180: 2-9-26
COA Standard:	GLS
Revised:	5/11/20; 1/1/26

NRTC has two area specifically used for dining within the facility during mealtimes. The dining areas are located in our activity rooms and there are tables and seating places of sufficient size and number so that youth may eat together comfortably at one time. Male and female youth do not eat together. During meal hours, the dining area is used solely for the purpose of eating. Each dining area is equipped with tables and chairs appropriate to the age, physical condition and developmental stage of the youth who eat in the area.

Chapter:	Physical Plant
Subject:	Bedrooms
Page:	1 of 1
Section:	7.4
ODCY Rule:	5180: 2-9-28
COA Standard:	GLS
Revised:	5/13/20, 10/7/20; 1/1/26

NRTC has single person bedrooms. All bedrooms in the facility have at least seventy-four square feet per room, and a ceiling height of at least seven feet, six inches.

Each bedroom has at least one outside wall window. The windows are equipped with a frosted film which provides means for providing privacy. The rooms are provided with a ventilation system which provides a regular change of fresh air.

All rooms are located off of a corridor, with their own standard door that is capable of opening and closing. For privacy, youth bedroom doors lock from both the outside and inside and can be unlocked from the inside of the room without a key. No cameras or recording devices are located within youth bedrooms. Staff are required to knock prior to entering any youth's bedroom, unless there is a safety or clinical concern.

Each bedroom has one bed that is at least thirty inches wide and not less than five feet in length and appropriate to the youth's size. Each bed has a clean and comfortable mattress. A youth's bed and room is their room while placed at the facility and is not used by any other youth when the youth is temporarily away from the facility. When a youth is temporarily away, the room is to remained locked so that it is not accessible by other youth.

Each youth provided with clean sheets, pillowcases, a pillow and blankets. Sheets and pillowcases are changed and laundered at least weekly or more frequently if needed. Waterproof mattress coverings can be provided to a youth as needed.

1. Youth have their sheets and pillowcases washed on their assigned weekly wash night, or more frequently if needed.

Each youth is provided with storage space for clothing and personal items in the bedroom to which they are assigned. Each youth is provided with hooks in their bedroom for hanging clothes.

If NRTC removes any required items from a youth's bedroom, the reasons for the removal shall be documented, and the Center shall have a statement showing the removal of the items was necessary for the safety and wellbeing of the youth signed by one of the following:

1. A licensed social worker
2. A licensed independent social worker
3. A licensed professional counselor
4. A licensed professional clinical counselor

Chapter:	Physical Plant
Subject:	Bathrooms
Section:	7.5
Page:	1 of 1
ODCY Rule:	5180: 2-9-29
COA Standard:	GLS
Revised:	5/13/2020; 1/1/26

NRTC has a minimum of one wash basin with hot and cold water, one flush toilet, and one bath or shower with hot and cold water for every six children of the same sex, or fraction thereof, residing within the facility.

1. NRTC has three sinks with hot and cold water, three toilets, three showers with hot and cold water on each of the four units, with a maximum of ten youth per unit. These bathrooms are located on the same units with the sleeping rooms. Bathrooms are situated so as to allow direct access to them without the necessity of passing through a bedroom.

Each bathroom is stocked with toilet paper, towels, soap and wastebaskets available for use.

Showers shall have nonskid surfaces and have enclosures or screens which afford individual privacy.

When more than one toilet is located in the same bathroom as such in the education wing and gym, each toilet is partitioned and include a door capable of remaining closed.

Chapter:	Physical Plant
Subject:	Laundry Facilities
Section:	7.6
Page:	1 of 1
ODCY Rule:	5180: 2-9-31
COA Standard:	GLS
Revised:	5/13/20; 1/1/26

NRTC has operable laundry facilities at the facility, or contract with a vendor of such services if needed.

1. NRTC has laundry facilities in building located in the basement. Each youth is assigned a wash night and given a laundry basket upon admission. Youth are responsible for setting their clothing and bed linens outside of the their door on their assigned wash night, and staff members are responsible for doing the laundry.

Chapter:	Physical Plant
Subject:	Transportation
Section:	7.7
Page:	1 of 1
ODCY Rule:	5180: 2-9-32
COA Standard:	ASE
Revised:	5/13/2020; 4/4/2023; 1/1/26

NRTC ensures that all necessary transportation is made available for implementing each youth's service plan.

All vehicles owned, rented or leased by NRTC and which are used to transport youth, are inspected annually and approved by the Ohio State Highway Patrol and continually maintained in a safe operating condition. NRTC maintains written maintenance records on all vehicles owned, rented or leased by it which are used for transporting youth. First aid supplies are placed in each vehicle owned, rented or leased by NRTC when the vehicle is used to transport youth.

NRTC keeps annual validation of licenses, driving record and motor vehicle insurance for all privately owned vehicles used to transport youth in the facility. All privately owned vehicles used to transport youth in the facility are to be annually inspected and approved by the Ohio state highway patrol and continually maintained in a safe operating condition. First aid supplies will be placed in each privately owned vehicle when the vehicle is used to transport youth of the facility.

NRTC ensures that supervision appropriate to the number and ages of youth being transported is available in any vehicle used by the facility to transport youth.

Staff are required to follow all current State driving laws. In a vehicle which is required by law to be equipped with passenger safety belts, the driver and all passengers are to be properly restrained by a safety belt while the vehicle is in motion.