

NORTH SLAVE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Project	North Slave Correctional Facility
Location	Yellowknife, NWT, Canada
Service	Full A/E Services
Process	Design/Construction Management
Value	\$41M CAD
Status	Completed 2004

North Slave Correctional Facilities is a multi-designated detention complex for both open and closed custody youth as well as incarcerated and remanded adults. Four buildings separated by terrain and context but physically connected by pedestrian service ways enable the 24 bed Young Offender facility to share recreation, food services and a heating plant with the 148 bed Adult Centre while remaining functionally and ideologically distinct. The direct supervision model was used as a starting point in the design of both facilities which focus heavily on a large proportion of program spaces, group treatment rooms and spiritual healing spaces: rehabilitation of all inmates with a view to reducing recidivism is the fundamental goal of the overall project. The adult building faces a reclaimed quarry in a wilderness setting, housing medium and maximum secure inmates in 5 distinct living units where caseworkers deliver direct supervision within the pod. The youth building is characterized by an open custody unit that fronts a residential neighborhood, encouraging normalcy for children re-integrating into society.

The design of the facility incorporates dynamic security principles allowing for direct supervision for both living units. The secure resident and the open residents can never mix within the circulation of the facility. The functions that require mixed use are located between the Secure and Open Living Units and includes; recreation, spirituality room, visiting, central control, administration, staff services, health care. Program functions are located close to the Living Unit in order to reinforce "unit management principles". The Open Custody Residents will enjoy access to community facilities such as: gymnasium, schools and work, on an earned basis. The control of contraband is the prime reason for the physical and secure separation between secure and open custody residence. Phase 2; All Living Units, except the Maximum Living Unit and Administrative Segregation Unit, are designed to operate under direct supervision. The Aboriginal Healing Centre is the central focus and includes the Spirituality Room, Group Healing Rooms, offices for the Elders and Program providers. This facility is designed as a uni-building correctional facility due to the northern climate. Each Living Unit is provided a separate outdoor exercise area in order to reduce the assembly of large groups of inmates. The Living Units are also designed utilizing the "unit management principles" in order to minimize inmate circulation outside of the unit.

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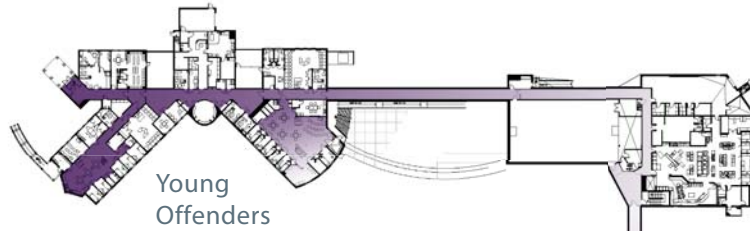
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