

Jacksonville Developmental Center (JDC)

Jacksonville, IL

Patient Census: 185 Number of Beds: 240 Number of Staff: 379

Annualized Operational Cost: approx. \$27.9 million

Closure: early October 2012

Savings after closure: approx. \$11.7 million per year

The Jacksonville Developmental Center is the State's oldest DDD facility, admitting its first patient in 1851. It is also one of the most expensive developmental centers to operate in the state.

The age and physical condition of the JDC site and buildings were among criteria that led to its selection for transition to closure:

- JDC uses an inefficient coal power plant to generate heat and electricity
 - The state of Illinois spends \$1.2 million each year in coal for JDC
 - Heating costs are \$7,000 per resident, per year
 - o Boiler #2 lacks a precipitator for filtration, which is of concern to the federal EPA
- Roads and parking lots require extensive repair
- Roof leaks and mold in three Veterans buildings have put them on a list for demolition (expensive due to underground utilities); buildings are currently used for storage
- The Dietary Building, which stores food for the facility, has no source of back-up power
- Two buildings (Dix and Gillespie) are under construction
- Some buildings contain asbestos flooring

Capital improvements of \$3.3 million would be required for necessary renovations and upgrades to the power plant, roofs, and electrical systems.

The site occupies 134 acres, but 54 acres are used by others (mostly for the city park). Some alternative uses for the facility include continued use by current tenants: Chamber of Commerce, a private daycare center, and a women's crisis center, as well as the expansion of tenants through occupancy by other businesses.