



Department of
Youth Services

Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Digital Learning Platform Helping Youth Advance Education
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We know that with a complete education, youth have a better shot of success when they return to their home communities. Not only are we committed to providing quality middle and high school for youth, but also career technical opportunities, apprenticeships, and even college courses.

At Cuyahoga Hills Juvenile Correctional Facility (ChJCF), students have been part of a digital learning pilot since the summer of 2015, using 10-inch computer tablets, called JPay tablets, which provide an easy-to-use virtual learning experience complete with relevant software tools like Microsoft Word and PowerPoint. Currently 10 students at the facility are enrolled in classes through Ashland University and use JPay tablets to read, study, complete and submit assignments. The devices, which are reused each semester, provide students with the flexibility to complete course work on their living units in their spare time so that they can take advantage of other scheduled activities and learn at their own pace.

Maria Zivkovich is a vocational teacher at ChJCF and helps coordinate the partnership with Ashland University for students at ChJCF. "In order to be prepared for life in the community, it is important that youth familiarize themselves with today's technology," said Ms. Zivkovich.

JPay is a company that designs technology for prisons and jails across the country. The business developed JPay's Lantern, a learning management system, in conjunction with the Correctional Education Association. In addition to Cuyahoga Hills JCF, several adult prisons have also piloted using institution-grade tablets with facility-approved content.