

**Mecklenburg, North Carolina Jail Expansion Program**  
Charlotte, North Carolina

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In February, 2006 Mecklenburg County contracted with Chinn Planning, Inc. to develop space requirements and cost estimates for additions to the Mecklenburg County Jail North facility. Two separate projects were envisioned for the expansion. One project was the addition of a Youthful Offender Housing Unit, to house 16-17 year old males. The other project was the development of a Vocational Programs building to serve minimum and medium custody male inmates at the Jail North Facility.

The youthful offender population at the Jail North Facility had been growing at a rapid pace. Based on youthful offender trends and projections, and the County's funding capacity, a program was developed for a 108 bed Youthful Offender facility, with expansion capacity of up to 120 beds. The Sheriff's Department selected the twelve bed housing unit that was developed by Chinn Planning, Inc., because it had a reduced amount of square footage and staffing compared to the ten bed housing unit. A total of 30,370 Gross Square Feet was programmed for the housing addition.

During the course of the project, the Sheriff and other County representatives toured vocational programs and facilities in Hillsborough County, Florida. Based on offender profile, length of stay, and marketable skill development, the Sheriff's Department made a decision to develop both a greenhouse and building trades vocational program. A total of 12,400 gross square feet was programmed for the Vocational Building.



**Mecklenburg County Secure Youthful Offender Housing**  
12 Bed Housing Unit Diagram

- secure access control
- secondary access control