



MYCA

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The Client:
Montana Youth
Challenge Academy

In 1999, the Montana National Guard established the Montana Youth Challenge Academy (MYCA) on the campus of the University of Montana Western as an intervention program to reclaim the lives of Montana teens who had dropped out of high school or who were not on track to graduate. The term "at-risk" refers to the risk of not graduating high school.

MYCA incorporates best practices in positive youth development from a combination of educational and military models. To date, MYCA has graduated over 3,800 cadets from across the State of Montana.

The Challenge

MYCA provides items such as clothing, hygiene items, medical and cleaning supplies to at-risk youth. These items were tracked manually via an Excel spreadsheet which was inaccurate and underutilized. The spreadsheet data was not enough for anyone to determine when items needed to be restocked. As a result, MYCA would regularly run out of critical items as well as needlessly purchase replacements when the items were simply misplaced.

The Solution

Jesse Whitmire, Supply Specialist at MYCA, spoke with other academies across the country and discovered that InventoryCloud by Wasp Barcode Technologies was everyone's go-to for inventory management.

He decided to implement InventoryCloud due to the recommendations by the other academies as well as the cost and ease of use.

The Result

Upon implementation, MYCA was immediately able to track all items and gain control of their inventory. Today, the academy tracks an average of 400 items and can easily view the associated financial information associated with each item.

According to Whitmire, employees love the software and find it very easy to use.

"I highly recommend InventoryCloud," said Whitmire. "I have already spoken to two other academies in different states and have recommended it. Not only is InventoryCloud a great product, but the customer service team is quick to respond and easy to work with."