

ADA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT SERVICES

DETENTION CENTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET



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BACKGROUND

DETENTION CENTER:

The purpose of the Detention Center is to provide for the care, protection and well being of youth, while helping to ensure a secure and safe environment for the public.

The facility has 3 wings, 2 pods and 1 dorm consisting of 79 beds. The Center has over 50 trained professional staff who provide for the needs of the residents twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

ADMISSION CRITERIA:

A Judge or Magistrate sends juveniles to the Center after a hearing has been held. The Police who are filing a criminal complaint on the juvenile also bring them to the Center. There are established criteria that the Center and the Police must follow in order to detain a juvenile. Juveniles admitted from the community in this fashion will have a detention hearing (Arrest) scheduled within 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, before the Center Juvenile Magistrate. Residents are held in Detention for the following reasons (Juvenile Rule 7):

- To protect the child from immediate or threatened physical or emotional harm;
- The child may leave or be removed from the jurisdiction of the Court;
- The child has no parent, guardian, or custodian to provide supervision and care of the child and return the child to Court when required;
- The Court has made an order for placement of the child in detention.

SERVICES

CLOTHING AND VALUABLES:

All clothing and personal effects are provided by the Center. Clothing, money, and valuables brought in by a resident at admission are stored in a secure area and returned to the resident upon release. With the resident's permission, valuables will be released to a parent or guardian. Any personal possessions left at the Detention Center for more than 90 days after release will be considered abandoned.

MEDICAL:

All residents receive a physical/mental/dental health examination shortly after admission. Nursing staff are available 7 days per week. A physician and psychiatrist are available on an as needed basis. All residents are expected to have a medical authorization form completed by a parent or guardian. (Parents/guardians are legally responsible for their child's medical bills while in detention.)

DETENTION PROGRAMMING:

Upon admission, all residents are assigned to a program group (low risk boys- pod 5, high risk boys-pod 4, and girls-wing 3). Group placement will be determined by the seriousness of the crime, age, maturity level, behavior from previous times in detention, and number of times in detention. While in detention, residents will attend school, receive as much time as possible out of rooms in structure groups or activities, earn extra privileges, earn the right to watch a weekend movie and attend groups.

NUTRITION:

Residents receive three nutritionally balanced meals a day. Menus conform to the standards of the National School Lunch Program. Specialized diets are provided for medical or religious purposes only.

SERVICES (cont.)

EDUCATION:

The Center has a fully accredited, full-time school conducted by Boise Public School personnel. The curriculum is consistent with secondary schools in the Boise system. Residents are tested and placed in curriculum that conforms to the student's ability. If residents are enrolled in an area school a liaison will make sure that they have their books and assignments from their schools. There is a GED program and a program for the residents to earn credits that will be accepted through our alternative schools in Boise.

RECREATION:

Residents are offered recreation daily. The schedule includes large muscle activities, quiet games and arts and crafts.

RELIGIOUS:

Religious services are held every Saturday for 1 hour and other times throughout the week. Volunteers from the Idaho Chaplains Corps and a volunteer Chaplain conduct services. Our volunteer Chaplain oversees all religious programming and arranges services for those who would like something other than non-denominational Christian services. All residents that attend must have parental consent. If a parent prefers to have his/her own clergy visit his/her child, the Detention Manager must receive a written request from the parent and his/her child before the visit can take place.

CONTRABAND:

Residents may receive magazines or paperbacks from visitors, as long as the reading material is appropriate, i.e., no violence, nudity or sexually explicit material or reading material which glamorizes substance abuse. The Center

maintains a large selection of books and magazines for residents to use.

Anything not approved by detention staff is considered contraband.

The Center is a no smoking facility. Any visitor who gives cigarettes, lighters or matches to a resident will lose their visitation privileges. Introduction of drugs, firearms, weapons or other contraband will result in prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

COMMUNICATIONS:

All residents are given a phone call to notify parents at the time of admission. Calls to attorneys are unlimited, and personal calls can be made anytime residents are out of their rooms on free time. Any telephone calls placed by residents from the Center will be collect.

Residents may receive unlimited mail. Ada County Juvenile Court Services will mail two outgoing letters per week per resident. Incoming mail will be opened and checked for contraband. All letters must come through the U.S. mail or they will not be given to the resident. Any packages coming through regular visitation will be returned unopened.

VISITATION:

Only parents, grandparents, stepparents or legal guardians with proper identification may visit a resident at the Center. Proper identification is picture identification or two other forms of acceptable identification. All other persons must receive prior approval for a special visit arranged through the Detention Manager. Special visits will only be approved for special circumstances. The visitation schedule is Sunday from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Attorney of record may visit at any time. All visitors to the Center are required to pass through a metal detector and are subject to a manual search upon entrance to the Center. Refusal to submit to the search will result in

refusal of admission to the Center. Purses are not permitted in the Center while visiting.

A visitor may be denied visitation or be removed from visitation if there is probable cause to believe that the visitor's condition or behavior may threaten the safety, security or order of the Center. All visitors must be properly and appropriately dressed. Visitors who are obviously intoxicated, extremely hostile, verbally abusive, and/or unable to control their behavior or comply with the rules and regulations will be denied visitation.

PROBLEMS/QUESTIONS

ASSISTANCE:

If parents, guardians or professionals in the community have questions about a resident or the Center they should call 577-4940 and ask for the Detention Manager, or call 577-4941 and ask for the Assistant Manager or call 577-4948 and ask for the Shift Supervisor.

GRIEVANCE AND COMPLAINT:

If a parent, guardian, or custodian has a complaint regarding his or her child's care at the Center, he or she may call the Detention Manager at 577-4940 or the Assistant Manager at 577-4941. A parent may also contact the Ada County Juvenile Court Service's Director at 577-4800.

Any resident who has a complaint may file a Resident Grievance Report with the Assistant Detention Manager.

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