

Phone Service

Juveniles will be permitted to make a 'free' phone call upon admission to our detention center. Phone privileges will be extended to your child during his/her stay; provided their behavior is appropriate and adequate time is available. These calls will be made Tuesday and Thursday between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM and Saturday and Sunday between 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Only parents, grandparents and guardians are allowed to be called. Phone calls are outgoing collect or pre-pay only. You can make arrangements to pre-pay your telephone calls by calling 1-866-230-7761.



Medical Care

Medical staff is available 24 hours a day. Sick call is conducted daily, Monday through Friday. Our center employs a full-time registered nurse and our Responsible Health Care Authority is a board certified physician. Medical assessments are conducted within 72 hours of admission. Emergency medical care is available if needed. Should your child require medication, or if he/she has medical condition, please inform court personnel or contact detention staff prior to or upon admission (1-740-283-8684). Our detention center requires medical insurance information pertaining to your child's coverage. Questions or concerns about medical care should be directed to the detention nurse.



Permitted Items

Personal items are not necessary nor are they permitted. Exceptions are prescription eye glasses, medical prosthetics, or dental items for the care of braces.

Vision & Mission Statements

We envision juvenile detention as a process not a place. We strive to create an environment in which personal accountability and responsibility are enhanced. Our programs are built upon the importance of education, competency development, and social responsibility in the lives of children. Victims' rights, the social impact of crime, and consequences of delinquency are continually stressed. Our obligation is to help keep those communities and jurisdictions we serve safer.

Our mission is to offer juvenile courts we serve the following:

- * time to address allegations against the child.
- * an opportunity to identify the child's risks and needs.
- * a period of separation from factors contributing to conflict or delinquency in the child's life.
- * a sentencing option of the juvenile court.
- * rehabilitative services for children in detention.

Detention may provide time to search for needed answers. Detention can be an opportunity for children to reflect upon bad decisions made and consequences that evolve from them. Detention is time for adults to remember their roles and responsibilities to children.... then act accordingly.

Jefferson County Juvenile Detention Center

What we live we learn
What we learn we practice
What we practice we become
What we become has consequences

Parent Handbook



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Jefferson County Juvenile Detention Center is a division of the Jefferson County Juvenile Court. Our facility provides secure detention services for both males and females typically between the ages of 10 – 18.

We provide short-term, secure detention services to juvenile courts in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Our facility provides care, supervision, and rehabilitative services to juveniles who are alleged or adjudicated delinquent, pending court action, awaiting transfer to another facility, sentenced to detention, or unable to be safely served in a non-secure environment.

Our procedures and protocols specifically require that we:

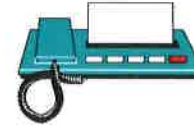
- * provide for the juveniles' basic needs such as shelter, food, clothing, medical care, education, and recreation.
- * prevent the abridgement of the juveniles' rights during their detainment in our facility.
- * provide for the physical, emotional, religious, educational, and social needs of the juveniles during detainment.
- * house juveniles in a safe, humane environment while maintaining the level of security and supervision necessary to prevent escape or injury.
- * assure residents and staff live free of fear, assault, or intimidation.

Our detention center provides a controlled and functional atmosphere. We evaluate or modify behaviors, attitudes, or compliance efforts of juveniles in our charge.

Children detained will be safe, secure, supervised, and educated. Their rights will be protected and their needs met. Fun and comfort are not part of the package here. Detention is meant to help correct inappropriate and illegal behavior.

Court Communications

Questions and concerns juveniles have may be faxed to their probation officers when permitted.



Programming



Juvenile detention operates within a structured schedule of daily activities. It is a routine that ensures discipline and control. Residents are expected to help clean those areas of the facility they or other juveniles utilize. Emphasis is placed on rehabilitation. Residents are expected to obey the established rules of conduct. Residents are expected to attend class. Residents are given time for exercise, recreation, drug & alcohol prevention awareness, religious service, visitation, social interaction, and rehabilitation.

Education

Education is mandatory under Ohio Law. Residents are required to attend class, regardless of age or academic status. We provide a certified teacher who offers educational services year round. The curriculum is aligned with the Ohio Proficiency Model of Instruction. A brief synopsis of the areas of instruction includes mathematics, reading, social studies, English, and science. If you have questions concerning the educational program please contact our teacher.



Religious Services



Religious services are scheduled but optional. Juveniles will not be penalized if they choose not to participate. If a specific member of the clergy would like to visit your child, simply contact us and schedule an appointment. Proper identification must be shown prior to the visit.

Drug & Alcohol Prevention

On Monday evenings, residents participate in a drug & alcohol prevention group. This educational session is conducted by a graduate level, certified chemical dependency counselor. Drug and alcohol abuse is a serious problem in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our lives. Children must be aware of the danger it creates.



Visitation

Visitation is an important moment in a child's week. A child is permitted one, sixty minute, visit per week. Parents, grandparents, legal guardians or custodians are invited to visit. Space limitations dictate visits be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. Only two visitors will be permitted per session. Our week runs from Saturday through Friday. Attorneys, clergy, probation officers, and approved caseworkers are permitted to visit at anytime. Please find the time to visit. Prior notification is appreciated.



Proper identification is required. Every visitor will be searched, and any visitor may be escorted from the center if security concerns arise. Nothing is to be given to juveniles in detention. Jefferson County Juvenile Detention is not responsible for items left in lockers, the visitation room, or waiting areas located throughout the facility. Leave unnecessary items in your vehicle. Visits may need to be rescheduled when severe sanctions have been imposed on the juvenile. **Parents or legal guardians are responsible for providing medial insurance information PRIOR to the first visit.**

Visitation Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Thursday Evening 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Mail Service

In most cases, juveniles will receive letters sent to them within 24 hours of delivery. Packages are not permitted. If sent, they will be checked by building security, inventoried, and placed with the child's personal property. Letters will be examined by detention staff for contraband. Mail sent from other juvenile or adult correctional facilities is prohibited.



Youth will be allowed to write letters on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday provided their privileges have not been lost due to misbehavior or noncompliance. Letter writing is a privilege and can be lost due to poor conduct. We offer ample opportunity to write letters to family, friends, and loved ones. Letter writing is a privilege – privileges must be earned.