

Juvenile Detention Center

Amazing Things Are Happening Here!

February 2022



Snow Days?

You will easily recall our significant snowfalls on Martin Luther King Junior Day, as well as Snowmageddon on February 3rd and 4th. Since we are public safety, we do not have the option of *not* reporting to work due to inclement weather (great for those of you who do!). Of course there are many other occupations in addition to corrections that also do not receive "snow days". Some of those include the medical profession, fire service, law enforcement, agriculture/food production, and others.

Please know that ALL our staff made it to work as scheduled, and some have 40+ minute drives! For those of you who were out and about those days, you experienced some streets/roads that were not yet plowed. Travel was challenging to say the least. Thank you to *all* our staff who braved the deep snow to come in and care for our youth. Thank you to EVERYONE in essential jobs EVERYWHERE who also have to be at work and make it there no matter the weather!!

A Typical Day For Our Kids

Here is a "snapshot" of a typical day for our kids.

To help our youth be successful, we have created a daily routine for all of them to follow. In doing so our kids know what to expect and what is expected of them. This also allows for stability for our youth. For instance; breakfast, lunch and dinner are served at the same time every day 365 days a year.

All of our youth attend school while in our facility, following the Medina City Schools' calendar; including summer school. They attend school Monday through Friday, 8am to 2pm. Each day after school, as well as on the weekends our kids engage in large muscle recreation where they can exercise, play basketball, volleyball, as well as many other activities provided to the youth. They also participate in passive recreation which is where our youth can make phone calls, play cards with one another, color, write in their journals and go to our extensive library, which includes more than 3,000 books!

Every Thursday and Sunday our youth have the option to attend non-denominational faith-based services where they can participate in Bible study, prayer and open discussion about God and issues teens face from a Biblical perspective.



Resident Accomplishment!

One of our male residents wrote the following.

"We've all been told at one point or another in our lives that a high school diploma is important and key to our success. I was told that too, but I never believed it. I never cared much about school, and stopped going. If I did go to school I was either in trouble or skipping classes. All that changed when I came here. I was a junior still taking freshman classes. When I came to the JDC I put a lot of time and effort into my school work and had paid off. I got caught up, and within a couple of months of hard, frustrating work, I graduated. It honestly feels great! Everyone told me I needed a diploma to succeed but not many people told me how great it feels to complete a milestone so big.

I never liked school but since I've finished high school now I have decided to go to trade school or college, leaning more toward college. Even though I finished high school in jail, I still feel proud. I just want to say thank you to all the people who stood by my side. I just want to say to anyone thinking about dropping out that it is not the best thing to do. Finish school and be proud. It will pay off in the end and it feels great to accomplish something so important!"



A Little Insight

I'm Lauren (below, talking with one of our residents), one of two Social Workers here at the detention center. Some of our roles consist of providing mental health screens, diagnostic assessments, and individual and group counseling services to residents in need that are detained. Educational and therapeutic counseling are provided to assist our residents in managing a wide range of psychosocial and emotional concerns which may be impacting their functioning. We also, when applicable, provide follow up care to selected residents to continue case management and coordination of services, post detainment. We work collaboratively with detention center staff and juvenile court staff to develop and implement services appropriate to the needs of the residents within the facility and within the community.

As a social worker at the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center, my co-clinician and I are often presented with new challenges in how to best help and support the residents. Currently, we have a few residents that have been able to graduate from high school while in detainment. This has been very exciting for all of the staff here. Colleges and future plans are being discussed and we are happy to be able to provide support and encouragement to our residents during this time.

With there being two of us, we aim to provide ample treatment to residents in need. We especially enjoy the ability to promote residents to engage in mental health and substance use treatment not only while they are detained but also for when they are released from detainment. We help our residents establish ongoing services for when they are released from detainment so that they can continue to work on their goals and improving themselves.

- Licensed Independent Social Worker Lauren Rohal



Quotable Quotes

Actual comments made in the past by parents whose son or daughter spent time in our building:

"The problem is - they got caught!"

"Hey, as long as she was home by Sunday night..."

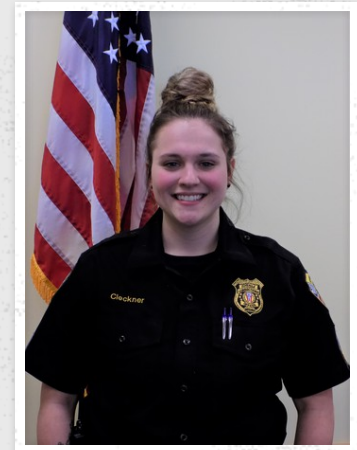
"I told him to just stay clean until he is out of drug court, then he can smoke all he wants!"

Makes one say, "Hmm", yes?

Most Valuable Player

We congratulate Sergeant McKensi Cleckner, as she was voted by her peers as our **Most Valuable Player** for 2021! Sgt. Cleckner has been with us since March 2019 and has done a tremendous job for us all along. The criteria for this award is:

1. **Consistently** exhibits an encouraging and positive disposition
2. **Consistently** demonstrates a willingness to help others
3. **Consistently** performs a high level of quality work
4. **Consistently** performs beyond the scope of his/her regular duties
5. **Consistently** displays concern for our youth
6. **Always performs** ethically.



McKensi's work ethic is as good as it gets and Medina County is fortunate to have her serving in her role here. She is 100% deserving of our **MVP** honor.



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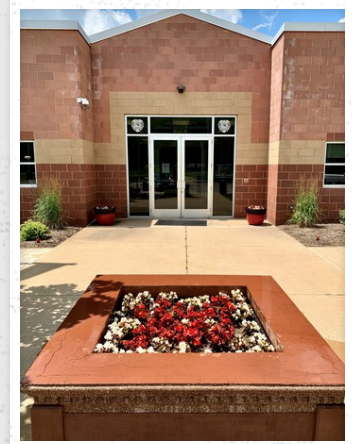
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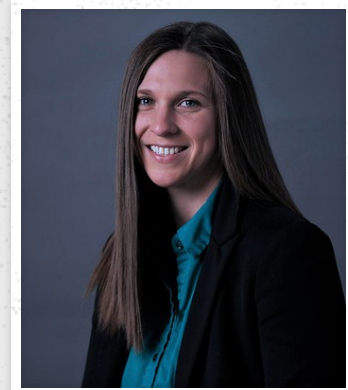
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"We are making the Medina community a better place by inspiring troubled youth to become responsible, productive citizens."

