

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Medical care is available 24 hours a day, and sick call is conducted routinely. If your child takes prescription medication, this must be verifiable through the prescribing physician. Special soaps or hygiene items must also be in prescriptive form. Special medical or religious diets can be arranged. Please inform our staff if your child wears contact lenses, is asthmatic, or is diabetic. We stress the importance of your obligation as a parent/guardian to provide us with the most up to date, detailed medical information possible on your child. Thank you!

PERMITTED ITEMS

Residents are permitted to have certain items that the detention center does not provide. These items include: prescription eye wear, retainers, medical prosthesis, and personal underclothing.

- ~ Two **WHITE** underwear (briefs only)
- ~ Two **WHITE** ankle-length socks
- ~ Two **WHITE** bras (no underwire or hooks)
- ~ Two **WHITE** crew neck T-shirts (no logos)
- ~ Two **WHITE/OFF-WHITE** thermal tops and bottoms (October 1 – April 30)

READING MATERIALS

Magazines are not permitted for your child, however; word-finds, crossword puzzles, Sudoku, and similar publications are permissible. Books that contain sexual content, excessive violence or profanity, or that promote unsavory or lawless behavior are not permitted. **Please note that those items that are accepted become the property of the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center.**

MENTAL HEALTH: We contract with Alternative Paths, Inc., to provide counseling and mental health assessments for our youth. We kindly request that you permit us to share their records with our juvenile court.

PARENTAL NOTICE:

If your child is temporarily released to you through the juvenile court for the purpose of attending an outside appointment, your child is still under the rules and directives of the detention center and court, and will be held accountable for any violations of same.

OUR MISSION

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

CORE VALUES

*We assume that the following behaviors are present in every member of our organization; thus, they are not listed separately from the others. They are: **HONESTY** and **INTEGRITY**. Simply put, we will do what is **RIGHT**. All the time. Every time. No excuses.*

While there are many values we esteem in addition to those below, these five are some of the most important ideals we do our best to hold to and carry out.

Responsibility for all our actions

Ethical conduct in every decision and deed

Respect for our coworkers and those we care for

Compassion and concern for our youth

Excellence in all our work

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JUVENILE DIVISION

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JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER



PARENT GUIDE

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"Parents must fill their child's bucket of self-esteem so full that the rest of the world can't poke enough holes in it to drain it dry." – Alvin Price

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Our Juvenile Detention Center is a maximum-security facility. Safety and security are our first priority, thus; we utilize several tools to best work with resistant, combative, or disorderly youth. These include handcuffs, shackles, and CS spray to name a few.

We are a temporary holding facility for both male and female offenders (ages 10 - 21) who have been adjudicated or are awaiting disposition of their case. Youth are placed in detention for their own protection, and/or for the protection of the community. Our detention center has individual cells, classrooms, training room, dining hall, medical examination room, gymnasium, library, and an outdoor recreation area.

We maintain the highest standards of care for your child. We are not a treatment facility, however; it is our philosophy that we do our best to make a positive impact on detained youth in hopes of diverting them from future trouble. Several services are offered for your child while s/he is with us.

FAITH-BASED SERVICES: Twice per week Medina Light Ministries conducts nondenominational services (voluntary) for our youth. In addition to this, we have a form you can sign to approve your own clergy visiting. Also, The Oaks Family Care Center conducts weekly presentations from a Biblical perspective on issues facing teens today.

THERAPEUTIC ART: Art groups are offered when we are able. Our youth are given the opportunity to donate their work to our annual Art Experience event where they may be auctioned to provide funding for continued art and music for other youth. A portion of auction proceeds also goes to The Children's Center of Medina County (medinacountychildrenscenter.org) to help abused and neglected children.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES: Our mental health clinicians conduct the following group sessions: life skills, drug & alcohol prevention, and anger management. As time and opportunity permit, we have a therapy dog

visit, gardening in our outdoor recreation area, presentations by our county health department, Medina library, our county Parks System, and the Writers in Residence nonprofit. At times we also bring in various presenters who have had a troubled past but have turned their lives around.

VISITATION HOURS AND RULES

Sunday..... 9:30am – 10:30am & 10:30am – 11:30am
Tuesday..... 6:00pm – 7:00pm & 7:00pm – 8:00pm

A PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED to visit, as well as to accept custody of your child, upon his/her release.

There are two visitation periods per week, and are in one-hour (total) increments for parents, legal guardians, and grandparents. **Each resident receives one hour total visitation time per visitation day.** All personal items (e.g., coats, purses, hats, phones, tobacco) must be secured in your vehicle or in our lobby where we have lockers available. Lockers require one quarter per use – the quarter is returned to you when you retrieve your items. Visitation begins at the top of each hour, and on the half-hour. **If you arrive late, you may be denied admittance and may have to wait until the next visitation hour to receive a full hour visit. IMPORTANT! If you are not here TEN MINUTES prior to visitation start time, you may not be permitted to visit. This is at the supervisor's discretion. We need a few minutes to get everyone checked in. (Thank you for understanding!)** Proper grooming and attire are expected. In the event that there are more than two qualifying visitors (step-parents, divorced parents, etc.), it is the responsibility of the parties involved to schedule between themselves prior to the visitation period, how they will share the hour. Clergy and attorneys may visit at any reasonable time of the day. Visitation is not permitted for any youth that has been admitted less than 12 hours prior.

EDUCATION: All detention residents attend school while in our facility, following the Medina City Schools' calendar. (This includes summer school.) In accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act, funding is provided by Title I monies, and is conducted by highly qualified teachers. All efforts are made to obtain your child's school work. In the interim, or if no work is available, our teachers provide a standard curriculum.

CORRESPONDENCE & PHONE CALLS: Your child is permitted to correspond with parents/legal guardians, grandparents, clergy, probation, attorneys, and court officials. Unlimited postage is available to all residents. Letters are sent through the U.S. Mail. Residents may call parents/guardians every other day, calls being limited to 10 minutes in length, and are COLLECT. You may have to remove any "blocks" on home phones. **Additionally, your child is permitted a free call to you every Wednesday evening. Cell phones do not accept collect calls. You may contact our phone system provider, Securus, at 1.800.844.6591 to set up an alternative means for receiving calls from your child.**

BEHAVIORAL LEVEL SYSTEM

Each youth in our facility automatically enters into our system at Level 1. The levels also include Levels 2, 3, and Honoree (highest level). Residents are on Level 1 until they have gone 7 continuous days without a rule violation, at which time they move up to Level 2 and receive additional privileges. Youth are then on Level 2 for another 7 days. If they receive no rule violations during this second 7-day period, they move up to Level 3, receiving even more privileges. When a youth has been on Level 3 for 14 days, s/he may apply for Honoree which brings them even more privileges. Residents lose a level if they receive two rule violations in a seven-day period. Rule violations will be considered for up to 30 days. Once a resident has dropped a level, s/he must follow the same procedure as previously mentioned to move back up.

NOTE: All items brought to our facility are subject to search per Ohio Revised Code 5139.251. Your visitation may be denied for safety or security concerns.