

MEDINA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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

PARENTAL NOTICE:

If your child is temporarily released to you 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

**Medina County
Juvenile Detention Center**

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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 and will be administered by qualified personnel. 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** 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 criminal behavior will not be given to your child. **Those items that are accepted become the property of the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center.**

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

The Medina County Juvenile Detention Center is a maximum-security detention 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 OC pepper spray to name a few.

We are a temporary holding facility for both male and female offenders, ages 10 thru 21, who have been adjudicated or are awaiting disposition of their case. Youth are placed in detention for their own protection, as well as for the protection of the community. The detention center has individual cells, classrooms, training room, dining hall, medical office with examination room, gymnasium, library, and a secure outdoor recreation area.

We maintain the highest standards of care for your child. The detention center is not a treatment facility; however, it is our philosophy that our staff do their best to make a positive impact on detained youth in hopes of diverting them from further trouble. While we do offer several programs for youth while they are with us, the loss of personal choice and freedom cannot be offset by the activities and programming provided through the detention experience.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Every Sunday and Thursday, a nondenominational religious service is held for detention youth, and is voluntary. If your child wishes to see his/her own pastor, priest, rabbi, etc., this can be arranged during normal business hours. Also, The Oaks Family Care Center conducts weekly presentations from a Biblical perspective on issues facing teens today.

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Once per week in a voluntary group setting, residents of our facility may participate in anger management education. In this group, residents learn how to control their anger and what may cause it.

DRUG & ALCOHOL COUNSELING

Once per week in a voluntary group setting, residents may participate in drug & alcohol education. Here they learn the negative effects that drugs and alcohol have on them.

VISITATION HOURS AND RULES

Sunday..... 9:30am – 10:30a & 10:30a – 11:30am

Tuesday..... 6:00pm – 7:00p & 7:00p – 8:00pm

Wednesday.. 3:00pm – 4:00p & 4:00p – 5:00pm

A PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED to visit youth as well as accept custody of youth upon their release. There are three 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. We need a few minutes to get everyone checked in. (Thank you for understanding!)** Proper grooming and attire is 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.

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. Thank you for your cooperation.

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, counselors, 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. **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 level system at Level 1. The levels also include Levels 2, 3, and Steward (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 Steward which brings them even more privileges. Residents lose a level if they receive three, Category I rule violations in a seven-day period. Residents also lose a level if they receive two Category II rule violations, regardless of the time frame, while on the same level. Once a resident has dropped a level, s/he must follow the same procedure as previously to move back up.