

**Fairfax County  
Juvenile & Domestic  
Relations District  
Court**

Fairfax, Virginia

**JUVENILE  
DETENTION  
CENTER**



**INFORMATION**

**FOR**

**PARENTS AND CHILDREN**

## **DEAR PARENT OR GUARDIAN:**

As you are now aware, your child is being detained in the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center. Minors charged with delinquent offenses are held pending a further hearing or disposition. Contact with parents or guardians to collect health information is made by an administrator at the time of a child's intake into the Juvenile Detention Center. If we have been unable to make contact with you the first day your child is with us (or you have a concern – medical/mental health), please call to speak to a Shift Administrator.

Your child will not need any money. The Juvenile Detention Center will provide clothing, hygiene items, and food. Personal property (magazines, books, stamps, etc.) may be delivered during the following times:

*Saturday: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM*

*Monday: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

Property will not be accepted during visitation times.

Upon your child's release (departure) from the Juvenile Detention Center, please make arrangements for prompt pick-up of their personal property.

The Juvenile Detention Center will provide for your child's physical needs. He or she will continue to need your moral support during this period of confinement.

## **VISITATION RULES:**

- 1) You must be a parent or legal guardian.
- 2) You will be requested to present photo identification.
- 3) You will be required to pass through a metal detector.
- 4) Do not give anything directly to your child.
- 5) Female visitors are asked to leave their purses in their cars.
- 6) Children may not be left unsupervised in the lobby.
- 7) Parents suspected of being intoxicated or under the influence of drugs will be denied admittance.
- 8) Hostile, argumentative or disruptive visitors will be asked to leave immediately.

*Other relatives are not authorized to visit.*

*Special allowances may be made for parents or guardians who are unable to visit during scheduled times.*

## **VISITATION HOURS:**

Arrive 15 minutes prior to visit to sign in.

(No more than 2 visitors admitted on any visitation day.)

## **SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY, & FRIDAY EVENINGS:**

West Wing: 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM

East Wing: 8:00 PM – 8:30 PM

## **TELEPHONE AND MAIL POLICY:**

Residents are allowed 4 phone calls per week. Two may be to Parents/Guardians and 2 must be Professional (Attorney/ Probation Counselor). All calls are dialed by the staff. Youths are awarded points for appropriate behavior each day. When a youth has enough points to earn Level III, one (1) additional phone call per week may be requested. This extra phone call may be to an immediate family member. Parents may not call their children except in an emergency. Please contact an administrator, if serious need arises, to speak with your child.

Your child is entitled to mail two (2) letters per week at the Juvenile Detention Center's expense. You may provide him/her with additional stamps if you wish.

All incoming mail must be received from the US Postal Service, i.e. – hand delivered mail/pictures will not be given to residents.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center's rated capacity allows for up to 121 boys and girls in eleven (11) living units consisting of 11 children each. Two trained and experienced child care workers are on duty in each living unit from 7:00 AM until 11:00 PM, at which time all residents are placed in their rooms.

Communications between Juvenile Detention Center staff and parents are limited while your child is being detained due to the nature of Court ordered programs. The Juvenile Detention Center staff will contact you as soon as it is possible if:

- Your child is charged with a criminal offense as a result of illegal conduct within the Juvenile Detention Center.
- Your child has attempted a self-destructive act.
- Your child is removed from the Juvenile Detention Center for emergency medical care due to illness or injury (parents are financially responsible for emergency care and prescriptions).

Parents will not be contacted about their child's behavioral problems unless the Juvenile Detention Center staff deems it necessary. Parents will learn about their child's conduct from the court report.

Being detained can be a stressful and often depressing time for an adolescent. Many youth attempt to use these feelings to manipulate their parents and the Juvenile Detention Center staff. While we pay close attention to a detainee's moods, we must be careful not to play into his/her desire to use sympathy and guilt to attain their own ends. The Juvenile Detention Center may make discreet referrals to mental health professionals assigned to the Juvenile Detention Center if these problems arise. If it is determined that a significant problem exists, you will be contacted by the mental health worker or a member of the Juvenile Detention Center staff.

The unique nature of a correctional environment and the responsibilities placed on the staff necessitate these methods of operation.

The professional staff will attempt to alleviate fears and provide guidance, leadership, and proper role model behavior to assist each child in adjusting to the program. The Juvenile Detention Center strives to start your child on a course that instills clear thinking, positive behavior, and a sense of well being and self-worth.

The program is highly structured and rules are consistently enforced. We attempt to create an atmosphere of physical and mental achievement in a varied schedule that consists of:

- Girl Scouts
- Socials
- Aerobic and body-building exercises
- Movies
- Therapeutic Recreation
- Alcohol/Drug education
- School (5 ½ hours per day)
- Bible Study & Religious Services (optional)
- Values Clarification Group Sessions
- Human Sexual Awareness and Health

The school program is individualized to every extent possible, and the Juvenile Detention Center teachers are certified to teach emotionally disturbed and learning disabled youth. Please feel free to call the teachers to provide information of an educational nature, as we would be happy to tutor your child in work provided by their base school. There is a separate brochure that can be picked up at the front desk of the Juvenile Detention Center that describes the school program in greater detail.

The Juvenile Detention Center provides the services of two full-time Public Health Nurses, a consulting Pediatrician and Psychologists from the Woodburn Community Center for Mental Health as needed.

If you have any questions or requests involving visitation, the school program, medical services, or any other area of the Juvenile Detention Center program, please call 246-2844 and the receptionist will put you in touch with the appropriate administrator or staff member.

The facility is located in the rear of the Massey Building, between the Public School Administration and the Police Administration Buildings.

*The address is:*

**Juvenile Detention Center  
10650 Page Avenue  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030**

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Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services, and activities and will provide accommodations upon request. For information, call the superintendent at:

*(703) 246-2844*

*TDD (703) 273-3713.*

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