JDC mission and resident rights

Our mission, vision and objectives

Mission

To operate a safe and secure detention facility for juveniles while they await court disposition and/or placement.

Vision

We envision a safe and secure environment for residents where they are encouraged to make responsible choices when they return to the community.

Objectives

- To control admissions in order to ensure that only those juveniles who meet detention criteria are admitted.
- To provide secure custody to ensure that the residents are kept safe and will be available for Court placement.
- To provide constructive and age-appropriate programming and activities for groups and individuals to encourage them to make responsible choices.

Rights of JDC residents

All JDC residents have the right to:

- Positive staff guidance, support and supervision
- Not be abused, neglected, mistreated, or taken advantage of in any way
- A reasonable amount of privacy, as long as it doesn't stop staff from keeping them safe
- Be treated with respect
- Be treated the same as everybody else, no matter who they are, what they look like, or what they believe
- Honor their culture and practice their religion, within detention guidelines
- See the nurse and receive medical care if needed
- Nutritious meals, proper clothing and a room of their own
- A clean and safe place to stay
- Attend school

- Reasonable communication and visitation by their parents/guardians during visiting hours
- Call their lawyer, probation officer or case worker (they may visit at any time); certain other adults, such as a religious advisor, may be approved to visit
- Shower once each day; supplies (soap, shampoo, lotion, etc.) are provided
- Keep some personal property in their room, such as pictures and letters; the rest of their property will be kept in a locked storage room and/or safe
- Be free from restraint or seclusion used for purposes other than to protect them from danger to themselves, other residents, staff or the safe operation of the facility
- Be informed of and use the grievance procedure