
Ada County Juvenile Court Services

Detention Center Information



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DETENTION CENTER:

The purpose of the Detention Center is to provide for the care, protection, and well-being of youth, while helping to ensure the protection of the community.

The facility has 3 wings and 2 pods, consisting of 71 beds. The Center has more than 50 trained professional staff who provide for the needs of residents twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

ADMISSION CRITERIA:

A Judge may order placement of a juvenile into the Center after a hearing has been held on a matter. Police filing criminal complaints on juveniles may also bring them to the Center. There are established criteria that the Center and the police must follow to detain juveniles. Juveniles admitted from the community in this manner will attend a Detention Hearing, where charges are arraigned, and a juvenile court Judge will determine whether the juvenile can be safely released to the community. Detention Hearings occur in front of a Judge within 24 hours of admission, excluding weekends and holidays.

SERVICES

CLOTHING AND VALUABLES:

All clothing and personal effects are provided by the Center. Clothing, money, and valuables brought in by a resident at admission are stored in a secure area and returned to the resident upon release. With the resident's permission, valuables can be released to a parent or guardian. Any personal possessions left at the Center for more than 90 days after release will be considered abandoned.

MEDICAL:

Nursing staff are available seven days a week. A physician and psychiatrist are available on an as-needed basis. All residents are required to have a medical authorization form completed by a parent or guardian. While their child stays in detention, parents/guardians are legally responsible for their child's medical bills.

PLACEMENT PROGRAMMING:

Upon admission, all residents are assigned to a living area (low risk boys- pod 5, high risk boys- pod 4, and girls- wing 3). Placement will be determined by the seriousness of the crime/s, age, maturity level, and number of times and behavior from previous stays in detention. Depending on their length of stay, residents will attend school, have as much time as possible outside their rooms in structured groups or activities, and have the ability to earn extra privileges, such as watching a weekend movie.

NUTRITION:

Residents receive three nutritionally balanced meals a day. Menus conform to the standards of the National School Lunch Program. Specialized diets are provided for medical or religious purposes only.

EDUCATION:

The Center has a fully accredited, full-time school conducted by Boise Public School personnel. Curriculum is consistent with secondary schools within the Boise schools system. Residents are tested and placed in curriculum that conforms to their abilities. If residents are enrolled in area schools, a liaison will ensure they have their books and assignments from those schools. The Center provides a GED program, as well as a program allowing residents to earn school credits that are accepted through alternative schools in Boise.

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RECREATION:

Residents are offered daily recreational activities. The schedule includes large muscle activities, quiet games, and arts and crafts.

RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL:

Non-denominational services are held every Saturday for one hour and at other times throughout the week. All residents are offered the opportunity to attend services, and parents may request services specific to their denomination.

CONTRABAND:

Residents may receive magazines or paperbacks from visitors, as long as the reading material is appropriate, i.e., no violence, nudity, or sexually explicit material, nor any material that glamorizes substance abuse. The Center maintains a large selection of books and magazines for residents to use.

Anything not approved by detention staff is considered contraband.

The Center is a no-smoking facility. Any visitor who gives cigarettes, lighters, or matches to a resident will lose their visitation privileges. Introduction of drugs, firearms, weapons, or other contraband will result in prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

COMMUNICATIONS:

All residents are allowed a free phone call to notify parents at the time of admission to the Center. Calls allowed to attorneys are unlimited, and personal calls are allowed when residents are out of their rooms during free time. Any phone calls placed by residents from detention will be collect calls. Detention uses *Telmate* as its phone service provider, which allows families to place money on an account, and to allow for collect calls. To add money to an account or learn more, visit the *Telmate* kiosk in the Denton lobby, or call *Telmate* at 1-866-516-0115, or visit their website at <http://www.telmate.com>.

Residents may receive unlimited mail. Ada County Juvenile Court Services will mail two outgoing letters per week per resident. Incoming mail will be opened and checked for contraband. All letters must come through the U.S. mail or they will not be given to the resident. Any packages arriving through regular visitation will be returned unopened.

Residents with complaints can file a Resident Grievance, which will be reviewed by management and acted upon as deemed appropriate and/or necessary.

VISITATION:

Only parents, guardians, stepparents, or grandparents with proper identification may visit a resident at the Center. Proper identification means picture identification or two other forms of acceptable identification. The visitation schedule is on Sundays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Attorneys of record may visit at any time.

All visitors to the Center are required to pass through a metal detector. Additional measures may be taken, including a manual search to prevent contraband from being brought into the Center. Refusing to comply with such a search will result in refusal of admission to the Center. Purses and cell phones are not permitted in the Center while visiting.

A visitor may be denied visitation or may be removed from visitation if there is probable cause to believe that the visitor's condition or behavior may threaten the safety, security, or order of the Center. All visitors must be properly and appropriately dressed. Visitors who are clearly intoxicated, unmanageably hostile, verbally abusive, and/or unable to control their behavior or comply with the rules and regulations will be denied visitation.

QUESTIONS & CONTACTS

Parents or guardians with questions regarding their child's care at the Center can contact the Detention Center 24 hours a day, seven days a week at (208) 577-4948. The Detention Manager can be contacted at (208) 577-4941.

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