

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 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.

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)
- ~ 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.**

MISSION STATEMENT

We protect our community from juvenile offenders by providing a safe and secure environment through integrity and professional service.

CORE VALUES

Honesty in all our communications

Integrity in all that we do

Responsibility for all our actions

Ethical conduct in every decision/deed

Respect for all

Compassion for our youth

Excellence in all of our work

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.

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**MEDINA COUNTY COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS**

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JUVENILE DIVISION

JUDGE KEVIN W. DUNN

**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

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 does 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.

PROGRAMMING

Our detention center offers a variety of programs for all residents. Anger management, drug & alcohol education, visitation, indoor/outdoor recreation, religious services, and education are conducted here. We also have group therapy facilitated by our Licensed Independent Social Worker.

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.

ANGER MANAGEMENT

One time per week, 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. This is a voluntary program.

DRUG & ALCOHOL COUNSELING

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

VISITATION HOURS AND RULES

Sunday	9:30a – 10:30a & 10:30a – 11:30a
Tuesday	6:00p – 7:00p & 7:00p – 8:00p
Wednesday	3:00p – 4:00p & 4:00p – 5:00p

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. 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 start of each visitation 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. 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 the time available among themselves prior to the visitation period. Clergy may visit during any reasonable time on any day of the week. Visitation is not permitted for any youth that has been admitted less than 12 hours prior.

VISITATION SEARCHES

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.

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

All residents are permitted to correspond with parents/legal guardians, grandparents, clergy, probation, attorneys, social workers, 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.**

LEVEL SYSTEM

Each youth in our facility will be placed in our level system. This consists of levels 1, 2, and 3. Upon the initial admission of a resident, they will be classified as level 1 status. A resident will remain on level 1 until they have exhibited positive behavior and have gone 7 continuous days without a rule violation. Once this has been accomplished, the resident will proceed to level 2, at which time s/he will be eligible for additional privileges. A resident will remain on Level 2 for a minimum of 14 days. Only when the resident has gone 14 continuous days without a rule violation will that resident proceed to Level 3. On Level 3, the resident will be provided additional privileges to those residents classified as level 1 and 2. A resident will lose a status level if s/he receives three minor rule violations in a seven day period. A resident will also lose a status level if they receive two major rule violations, regardless of the time frame, while on the same level. Once a resident has lost a status level, s/he must follow the same procedure as previously to move up a level.