

# **JUVENILE DETENTION AND ASSESSMENT CENTERS (JDAC)**

The Detention Corrections Bureau (DCB) operates Juvenile Detention and Assessment Centers that are responsible for housing male and female minors, generally between ages 12 and 18, who are detained pending Juvenile Court hearings or who remain in custody by order of the Juvenile Court. The San Bernardino County Probation Department operates three Juvenile Detention and Assessment Centers. The Bureau's mission is to provide a safe, secure and healthy environment which ensures the dignity and fulfills the needs of legally detained minors.

## **Detention Reasons**

- Await Court Hearing.
- Wait To Affect A Return Home.
  - Await Suitable Placement.
- Await Commitment To The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
- Await Trial Disposition In Adult Court.
- Await Commitment To State Prison.

Boys and girls are assigned to living units which are designed to house 20 minors each and are housed by age and gender. The living units have sleeping rooms, restrooms, showers, and a day room for a variety of leisure and structured activities. Each living unit is supervised 24-hours a day by Probation Corrections Officers (PCO) who provide individual and group counseling and maintain order.

Central Valley Juvenile Detention and Assessment Center is located in the city of San Bernardino and is the oldest of the three facilities. It currently has a Corrections Standards Authority capacity of 168 beds. The County Board of Supervisors have approved the construction of a new facility at the same location, which will replace a structure that is over 50 years old. The new facility will be a state of the art pod design modeling the county's two other facilities. The construction project is scheduled to break ground in the spring of '09 and occupancy is expected at the end of 2010. The approved capacity is an intended 280 beds.

High Desert Juvenile Detention and Assessment Center is located in Apple Valley and was built in 2004. It has a Corrections Standards Authority capacity of 200 beds.

West Valley Juvenile Detention and Assessment Center is located in the city of Rancho Cucamonga and was completed in 2002. It has a Corrections Standards Authority capacity of 182 beds.

The Probation Department is required to house juveniles in a secure, safe and humane environment. Each facility is subject to statutory regulations for operations and programs through the State of California Corrections Standards Authority, which does an annual inspection of all our JDAC facilities.

### **Juvenile Court Services**

The San Bernardino County Juvenile Detention and Assessment Centers serve several Juvenile Courts, which are located throughout the county. Two Juvenile Courts are located on-site at Central Valley Juvenile Detention and Assessment Center. Another Juvenile Court is located in the Rancho Cucamonga Court building. There are also two Juvenile Courts in the desert regions, located in Victorville and Morongo Valley. Juveniles that are in custody are securely transported to and from court by Probation Corrections Officers. For Courthouse addresses, visit the ***Resources-Court Locations*** portion of our website.

### **Schools**

Burton Thrall Juvenile Court School (CVJDAC), West Valley Juvenile Court School (WVJDAC), and High Desert Juvenile Court School (HDJDAC) are operated by the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools to provide education services to students who are currently housed at our Detention and Assessment Centers. In April 2008, the school programs received a six-year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) which runs through 2014.

Each student participates in a full school day. The integrated curriculum includes the following academic areas: Reading and Language Development, Mathematics, Social Studies, Health and Physical Education, Science, Character Education and GED Preparation. Juvenile Court Schools also offers career and technical education through the Regional Occupation Programs (ROP). Courses include ROP Horticulture and Landscaping, ROP Micro Computer Operator, and ROP Residential and Commercial Painting.

Special Education resources are provided to eligible students in the Juvenile Court Schools. Juvenile Court Schools offers Specialized Academic Instruction to special education students to support their regular classroom progress or through a Special Day Class setting. All forms of Designated Instruction Services are available to support the student's learning.

### **Medical Services**

Medical services offered at all the Juvenile Detention and Assessment Centers consist of 24 hour acute care, Pediatric Clinic, Reproductive Health, and

Psychiatric Services. Dental, Emergency and Referred Specialty Care are available through ancillary services and contracted through Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. On-site pediatric physician services are also provided to each minor, including comprehensive physical exams. Nursing care consists of a comprehensive health assessment of all minors entering the facility. The nursing staff routinely responds and intervenes to acute and periodic critical health concerns throughout the facility. Medications are routinely administered as ordered by the physician and per a set protocol by the department. Health services administered are above the required community standard and within the guidelines set by the Juvenile Detention Center Health Care Standards.

### **Mental Health Services**

The Forensic Adolescent Services Team (FAST) was created to serve the mental health needs of minors who are detained in the San Bernardino County JDAC or housed at a Probation Treatment Facility. Most minors experience at least some level of emotional distress and anxiety resulting from being arrested and detained. These minors include many with transitional mental and emotional issues, as well as those with severe mental illnesses. FAST clinicians and psychiatrists provide mental health assessments, psychiatric evaluations, suicide evaluations, crisis intervention, and brief psychotherapy. An Alcohol and Drug program provides substance abuse education services to in-custody minors. FAST also assists in the training of Probation's custody and supervisory staff to ensure effective interventions with minors.

The FAST team includes social workers who provide case management services to minors leaving San Bernardino County JDACs and transitioning back into the community. The goal is to assist minors and their families to identify areas of concern while they are detained, and connect them with the appropriate resources to optimize their productivity in the community and reduce recidivism. Individual case planning, home visits, and referrals are essential components of the program. The referrals may address the following areas: academics, vocational skills, job related skills, legal resources and information, physical health, social skills, psychological treatment, and substance abuse treatment.