

### **Mohave County Juvenile Detention Center:**

The Mohave County Juvenile Detention Center is a 32-bed facility. It houses male and female juveniles between the ages of 10 and the juvenile's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. The decision to detain a juvenile(s) is made by a Juvenile Probation Officer. Juveniles remain detained per Court Order and who have been committed to the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) waiting transport.

Each housing unit or "wing" is set up as follows:

Both wings include a large dayroom that is utilized for group activities such as church services (offered, but not required), sex-education for the older males and females which are held at different times and never held together. The day room is also where the juveniles receive their allotted free time during the evening hours. During this time juveniles may read, write letters, play cards, converse with other juveniles on appropriate topics or watch television. Television is a privilege and only allowed during non-programming times. Programs are age appropriate and approved by the supervisor. Each wing has two bathrooms one on each level. The bathroom includes a toilet, sink and shower stall. Additionally, there are two rooms in each wing equipped with a toilet and sink. All movements of the juveniles are supervised by detention officers. Juveniles must request to leave their seat, get a drink of water or use the restroom etc.

### **When a juvenile is booked into the Juvenile Detention Center:**

The juvenile arrives at the facility and enters into a secure area where he/she is escorted into the building by the arresting officer. They are met by a detention officer. Upon entering the facility, the juvenile enters a smaller secured area. A medical clearance is required for any juvenile who appears to be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or otherwise impaired or injured.

The juvenile is required to submit to a breathalyzer test and a clothed body search or "pat down". The pat down is done by a detention officer of the same gender. The search is performed to ensure the juvenile is not in possession of any contraband such as illegal drugs, weapons or any items that are not issued or approved by the detention facility. Once this is completed, the juvenile is escorted into the facility.

Once in the intake area, an inventory of the juvenile's clothes and possessions are taken and recorded. The juvenile is then photographed.

The juvenile is then escorted to a private shower where an unclothed body search or "strip search" is completed by a detention officer of the same gender. A second detention officer acts as a witness. The second officer is present to witness that no contact between the officer and juvenile takes place. It also ensures that no contraband is brought into the detention facility. Once showered, the juvenile is issued a set of detention clothes (underwear, socks, shoes, pants, t-shirt and a sweatshirt depending on the time of year).

Juveniles are evaluated to determine:

- Emotional level and suicide risk
- Drug history
- Gang affiliation
- Medical history
- Identify scars, marks, tattoos or body piercings

A detention officer then contacts the juvenile's parents/guardian to review and verify the information the juvenile has provided. At this time, the juvenile is permitted a ten minute booking phone call. Either party may refuse the call. However, this is the only time a free call will be offered unless circumstances demand otherwise. The juvenile is assigned a housing unit or "wing" and a room number. He/she is provided with two blankets, two mats, pillow and a pillowcase upon entering the wing and room.

The juvenile is seen by medical staff within 24 hours of his/her being detained. Female detainees are required to provide a urine sample to determine if they are pregnant. After being assessed by medical staff, juveniles having prescribed medications will be documented by medical staff. Medications will be dispensed as prescribed. Certain types of medications will not be dispensed such as sleep aids and certain types of narcotic drugs.

### **While in the Juvenile Detention Center:**

Juveniles are given 30 minutes of outside or courtyard time (weather permitting) and 30 minutes of exercise time in the wings each day. Both activities are directly supervised by detention officers. All juveniles must participate unless they have a documented waiver by the medical staff.

The detention center uses a behavior modification system. When they arrive after 5:30 pm, they start Level I the following day at 6:00 am. All juveniles progress through the level system by exhibiting good behavior and being detained for a specific number of days. The progression is as follows:

Level I to Level II is two days  
Level II to Level III is four days  
Level III to Level IV is four days

Each level comes with more privileges which includes increased amount of free time, additional 10 minute collect phone calls each week, later bed times. They start the lower level over again the following day at 6:00 am. Behaviors, if serious enough, are reported to the juvenile's Probation Officer. It may include the Juvenile Court issuing additional consequences.

### **Visitation:**

Juveniles are permitted one or two visits a week depending on their behavior. Visitations must be scheduled in advance by calling the Detention Center at **928-753-0740 ext 4050**. Visitation days are **Saturday and Sunday 12:00 to 12:30 pm** and **Monday 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm** of each week. Each visitation is 30 minutes in length. All visits must be approved by the juvenile's probation officer.

### **Rules/Consequences/Rights**

In order for the Juvenile Detention Center to run smoothly and safely, there are important values, rules, and procedures the juvenile must follow.

***The following is what is read by the juvenile once detained.***

### **RULES**

#### **SAFETY:**

It is important that everyone in the Detention Center be safe and secure at all times. I understand that while I am in the Detention Center my actions and words must never threaten anyone's safety or the security of the center. I realize that smuggling anything into the center is a violation of safety. I realize that having knowledge about an attempt to escape or to do anyone bodily harm and not report it to staff immediately, is also a violation of safety.

#### **DISCIPLINE:**

Discipline is necessary in the Detention Center. Discipline means controlling my behavior by following the Detention Center schedule and rules. I understand that while I am in the center, I must listen carefully to what the Detention Center Officers tell me and follow their directions.

**Fire Drills** – may be held at any time during your stay here. In the event of a fire drill or actual emergency, there is to be no talking. Listen carefully to Officers directions and follow them completely.

#### **Respect:**

<b>MYSELF</b>	I will speak positively about myself. I will not try to injure or harm myself.
<b>OTHERS</b>	I will respect other detainees by speaking to them in proper language, allowing them their personal space and treating them the way I want to be treated.
<b>STAFF</b>	I will treat the Detention officers and staff with respect by addressing them as Mister or Miss, using proper language, listening to them and following their instructions without arguing.
<b>PROPERTY</b>	I will respect the property of the Detention Center by leaving it the way I found it. Writing or scraping on the walls or windows, spitting in/on the building and tearing up books/magazines or

clothes will not be tolerated. It will be treated as destruction of County property and appropriate legal actions will be taken.

### CONSEQUENCES

I understand that I will receive consequences for my behavior if it violates any of the Detention Center rules. I understand these consequences may include any of the following:

1. Verbal Reprimand
2. Restriction from special entertainment or other privileges
3. Loss of level promotion

If I compromise the safety of myself or others or the security of the detention center I could receive:

1. Long periods of lock-down in my room
2. Delinquency charges filed against me
3. Physical restraints
4. Increased time at the Detention Center

*Reports sent to the Probation Officer and the Juvenile Court*

### RIGHTS

While I am in the Detention Center I have certain rights. These rights are as follows:

Receiving proper shelter, food and clothing

Practicing recognized religions and receiving directions from a religious leader

Receiving proper medical care

Talking with my attorney

Receiving exercise and recreation

Having a visit from my parent or guardian

Making one phone call a week to my parent or guardian after school hours or on weekends during non-programming times

Sending and receiving letters approved by Probation Officers which may include parents and legal guardians.

Filing a grievance if I believe I am not being treated fairly. (A Grievance must be completed and addressed by the officer involved on the shift that the incident happened. Grievance must be finalized within 48 hours of being filed.) No youth or staff members ever have the right to ask you for a sexual act or to have sex with You should never make up an allegation that is false. You can be sanctioned, your time can be extended, or you may be criminally charged if you do.

I have received a copy of the **PREA Flyer** and a copy of the **Juvenile Handbook** and I have been given the opportunity to ask questions