



**PLACER COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE
DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT**

2012

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 5; Welfare and Institutions Code Section 210 and Juvenile Court Law mandate regulations for minors detained in a lock down facility.

Facility: **Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility**

Address: **11260 B Avenue**

Auburn, CA 95603

Phone Number: **(530) 886-4875**

Facility Superintendent: **Jeff Cann**

Facility Assistant Superintendent: **Donavon Hazen**

Annual Operating Cost: **\$7,270,788**

Source of Funding: **Public Safety Sales Tax, Placer County General Fund, JJCPA (specific programs)**

Date of Inspection: **May 8, 2012**

Juvenile Justice Commission Inspection Team:

Sam Stodolski

Diane Shinstock

Supervising Juvenile Court Judge: **Hon. Colleen Nichols**

Rated Capacity: **58**

Maximum Capacity: **78**

Has the facility exceeded capacity since the last inspection? YES NO

Does the facility housed juveniles under Section 601 of the W&I code? YES NO

If so are the 601's separated from the 602's? N/A

Does the staffing ratio, awake and sleeping conform to meet state requirements? YES NO

Is communication in a language that minors can understand? YES NO

Is there a diversity of staff in respect to gender, race, and ethnicity? YES NO

Number of suicides: 0 Attempted suicides: 0 Threats of suicide: **11**

Number of deaths: 0 Number of escapes/runaways: 0 Date of CSA Inspection: **March 1, 2012**

Date of last Fire Inspection: **October 21, 2011** Date of last Health Inspection: **November 14, 2011**

EXTERIOR OF BUILDING

Were lawns, playing fields, common areas in order and well maintained? YES [X] NO
Was the exterior of the facility (paint, roof, gutters) well maintained? YES [X] NO

INTERIOR OF BUILDING

Were walls, paint, plumbing, vents and windows in good working condition? YES [X] NO
Are recreational equipment and sporting equipment in good order? YES [X] NO
Are personal possessions allowed in sleeping rooms? YES [X] NO
Is there any graffiti present? YES [X] NO
Is there adequate lighting in the facility? YES [X] NO
Does the facility maintain an adequate temperature during seasons? YES [X] NO

MEALS/NUTRITION

Are meals prepared at the facility? YES NO [X]
Is the kitchen clean? YES [X] NO
Are the meals served cafeteria style? YES NO [X]
Is staff present and supervising during meals? YES [X] NO
Is a weekly menu prepared and posted? YES [X] NO
Do youth have adequate time for meals? YES [X] NO

PROGRAMS

Do all minors exercise daily? YES [X] NO
Do minors have access to religious services? YES [X] NO
Is Medical/Mental Health Services available to minors? YES [X] NO
Are there any volunteer programs in place? YES [X] NO
Is there counseling available to the minors? YES [X] NO
Is there substance Abuse counseling available for minors? YES [X] NO
Is there sexual harassment awareness available to minors? YES [X] NO

Types of programs administered or taught at facility:

Adolescent Recovery Program, Teaching Pro Social Skills, Juvenile Justice Commission Mentors, Latino Leadership Mentors, Basic Hygiene Program, Gardening

DISCIPLINE, RULES AND GRIEVANCES

Are all minors oriented to the rules and procedures?	YES [X]	NO []
Are rules and grievance procedures posted and visible to minors?	YES [X]	NO []
Is there a consistent and fair discipline plan in place?	YES [X]	NO []

TELEPHONE, VISITING AND CORRESPONDENCE

Do minors have access to phones?	YES [X]	NO []
Are minors given free postage for their correspondence?	YES [X]	NO []
Is incoming and outgoing mail read by staff?	YES []	NO [X]
Are accommodations made for visitation?	YES [X]	NO []
Does staff supervise visits?	YES [X]	NO []

SCHOOL

Are there full time teachers on staff?	YES [X]	NO []
Do all minors attend school?	YES []	NO [X]
Are classrooms overloaded with students?	YES []	NO [X]
Are there some students on Independent Study?	YES [X]	NO []
Are there adequate school supplies?	YES [X]	NO []
Is the instruction appropriate to the student's needs?	YES [X]	NO []
Are minors required to do homework?	YES []	NO [X]
What is the student to teacher ratio?	Does not exceed 1/20 or 1/18 in Max	

COMMISSIONER'S OBSERVATIONS

Are the minors in a good state of appearance?	YES [X]	NO []
Do they appear to shower regularly and in proper hygiene?	YES [X]	NO []
Does clothing fit and is it appropriate to the weather conditions?	YES [X]	NO []
Did the minors interviewed feel they had an opportunity to express their concerns or issues with the staff?	YES [X]	NO []
Were there any issues raised during the interview?	YES [X]	NO []

If so, please explain:

It was mentioned that when reporting physical injuries to medical, many wards were placed on recreation restriction (rec-restrict) and therefore not allowed to run or participate in recreation activities. One ward

had an injured finger and was not allowed to run. Another ward expressed frustration during our interview in reporting a migraine and not being treated for another 24 hours. A third interviewee shared that some of the youth are reluctant to report injuries for fear of being put on rec-restriction.

Facility is

Clean	YES [X]	NO []
Free of clutter or obstructions	YES [X]	NO []
Safe and secure	YES [X]	NO []
Follows mandated guidelines	YES [X]	NO []

Commissioners Narrative/Observations:

The Juvenile Detention Facility provides residential care for youth ordered detainment by the Juvenile Court. Youth are detained under three possible circumstances: while court proceedings are pending, awaiting a court-ordered commitment to another facility or program, or as a short term sanction.

All minors attend school (provided by Placer County Office of Education) and are offered tutoring inside of the facility. Detainees attend school from 0800 to 1350 hours Monday thru Friday. Minors are able to earn credit towards high school graduation. Minors also have the opportunity to complete college course work online with the assistance of teachers and teaching aids.

Minors attend dayroom activities in addition to a minimum of one hour of physical recreation time each day. Minors also have the opportunity to participate in a number of different programs available.

The Juvenile Detention Facility was clean and in good repair. On the day of our inspection, there were no behavioral challenges with any of the residents. We were provided a tour of both maximum security as well as the general housing. We randomly inspected individual rooms, classrooms and recreational areas.

We asked to interview one particular ward, and his roommate was eager to be interviewed as well. In all, we interviewed three youth, two male, and one female. All were open and friendly and did not appear to hold back any information. We made inquiries of basic information such as why there were in custody, what was the nature of their crime, when they expected to be released, and what their plans were. We also followed the questionnaire inquiring about medications, medical treatment, and grievances. In all, the wards appeared to be well treated and were clear about the rules and procedures.

Following our tour, we reviewed all of the serious incident reports and grievances filed during the preceding 12 months. The majority of the complaints were about having privileges taken away, some were about the food, and a few were regarding perceived inequalities of treatment.

The majority of serious incident reports were for non-compliance issues which resulted in use of force or hands on. It was reported by staff that the county will implement Positive Behavior Intervention Services (PBIS) in late June, which was developed by the University of Oregon. This appears to be a very positive direction which will hopefully cause a decline in use of force.

All grievances filed regarding the food were specific in mentioning the "potato surprise" and the "noodle surprise". Most youth would skip eating rather than eat these dishes and this was reported as a significant problem if both were served on the same day.

Lastly, all youth interviewed said they really could not remember the last time they were allowed to have recreation outdoors. There is an indoor atrium area with a small section of open ceiling where a small amount of sunshine penetrates into the room. This is considered outdoors, but was contained by four walls and 90% ceiling. It was reported to us by staff that staffing shortages prevent the ongoing use of the outdoors grass field.

Commissioner's Recommendations:

This facility does an outstanding job with assisting minors in their process of rehabilitation with the many programs they offer while minors are in the Hall. This facility is also very well maintained and clean. The staff here is very knowledgeable, dedicated, and supportive to the minors in this facility.

The commission recommends that the medical provider reassess the process in which the use of "rec-restriction" is used so that wards are still allotted daily exercise. This could become a potential problem if injuries go unreported for fear of restricted activities and/or exercise.

The Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission of Placer County finds that the Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility is in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 5; Welfare and Institutions Code Section 210 and Juvenile Court Law.

Inspection Report completed by Commissioner: **Sam Stodolski**

On this date: **May 23, 2012**



Signed