



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

2015

Section 5 of Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations; 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: **Joe Netemeyer**

Source of Funding: County General Fund, Public Safety Sales Tax, JJCPA, and USDA.

Date of Inspection: May 22, 2015

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

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** Suicide Watches: **24**

Number of deaths: **0** Number of escapes/runaways: **0**

Date of last Fire Inspection: **October 2, 2013** Date of last Health Inspection: **December 3, 2014**

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 []
Is staff present and supervising during meals?	YES [X]	NO []
Is a weekly menu prepared and posted?	YES []	NO [X]
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 []
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:

Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS): emphasizes behavior change in youth by encouragement and tangible rewards for positive behavior, incorporates an immediate reward system that reinforces positive behavior on a daily basis.

Adolescent Recovery Program (ARP): 18 week program utilizing 6 phases focusing on drug use, relapse prevention, recovery, admitting to the problem and health concerns of drug use.

Garden Program

Journaling

Forward Thinking: interactive journaling program

Teaching Pro-Social Skills (TPS): anger control, skill streaming and moral reasoning.

Book Program: each youth is allowed to order one book every two weeks to keep or donate to the book program when they are discharged.

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 []

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 [X] NO []
Are classrooms overloaded with students? YES [] NO [X]
Are there some students on Independent Study? YES [] NO [X]
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? 2 Full Time Teachers including 1 Special Ed Teacher and one Teacher's Assistant

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: *Please see narrative*
Facility is
 Clean YES [X] NO []
 Free of clutter or obstructions YES [X] NO []
 Safe and secure YES [X] NO []

Commissioners Narrative:

On May 22, 2015, Commissioners Shinstock and Stodolski conducted the walk thru inspection of the Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF). The JDF provides residential care for youth who are ordered in to detention by the Juvenile Court. Youth can be detained while pending court proceedings, 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. Each student has an individualized education plan and is able to earn credit towards high school graduation upon completion of school work. Minors also have the opportunity to complete college course work online with the assistance of teachers and teaching assistants. There are two teachers on site, and both are accredited special education instructors.

Placer County contracts its medical and mental health administration through California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG). The inspection team met with Program Manager, Joanne Hendricks and the daily charge nurse. Staff shared with the inspection team that medical records are maintained for seven years, unless the minor is a pregnant female, then records are kept indefinitely. For after-hour medical needs, there is an on-call provider for consultation for the administration of Ibuprofen, Tylenol, inhalers or bandages, etc. If the issue is more serious (fever, stitches X-ray, etc.), the minor may be transported to the local hospital for treatment. CFMG and Placer County meet quarterly for a Quality Improvement meetings and have invited this inspection team to attend, if desired.

This facility does an outstanding job in assisting minors with their rehabilitation through the many programs they offer while minors are detained. The facility is very well maintained and clean. The staff is knowledgeable, dedicated, and supportive to the minors in their care. Superintendent Jeff Cann and Assistant Superintendent Joe Netemeyer do an outstanding job with maintaining and running this facility.

Commissioner's Observations:

The inspection team interviewed two minors held at the JDF. Both reported positive feelings towards the programs being offered indicating they helped with troubles at home and substance abuse issues. They felt the rules were fair and imposed consistently. One had never used the grievance procedures and one has used it one

time with positive results. Both were aware of how to utilize it if necessary. Both complained about the taste of the food. One minor said the school program helped her catch up on her deficient credits, the other has already graduated. Neither have had any issues with staff; one indicating that staff were pretty easy going.

During the Commission's inspection of the facility, construction was underway to reduce the size of the outdoor field and reconstruct the fencing. Superintendent Cann informed Commissioners that this will allow for increased use of the outdoor field as it will be safer for youth and staff to utilize the outdoor space. Additionally, the County has chosen a vendor to install new security cameras throughout the facility which will increase security.

Commissioners conducted a review of the grievances and serious incident reports. Commissioners noted a significant decrease in the number of serious incident reports involving incidents of staff utilizing "hands-on" tactics or deployment of pepper spray for serious situations. Superintendent Cann informed Commissioners that this is a result of the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program that has been implemented in recent years. PBIS has led to a significant decrease in behavior issues throughout the facility.

There were 24 suicide watches established, many of which were repeat watches for various, higher risk youth. There were two 5150 evaluations, including one who did not meet criteria. One was placed on a 5150 hold at Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital. When a viable psychiatric bed had not been found, the hospital had no alternative but to stabilize the minor and return her to the JDF. Superintendent Cann informed Commissioners that there has been a significant increase in the number of youth with various mental health diagnoses who are placed in the facility. Superintendent Cann also shared with Commissioners that he is looking into "Trauma Informed Care" training for all facility staff in order to better handle youth who require more intensive care.

Commission Recommendations:

The Placer County Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission recommends the following:

- Placer County Mental Health and Children’s System of Care should look at ways of providing psychiatric treatment for minors who meet criteria under 5150.
- The Commission encourages Superintendent Cann to institute “Trauma Informed Care” training for his staff.

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

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

On this date: **June 15, 2015**



Signed

CC:

Marshal Hopper, Chief, Placer County Probation

Jeff Cann, Superintendent, Placer County Juvenile Detention Facility

Hon. Colleen Nichols, Supervising Juvenile Court Judge, Placer County Superior Court

Placer County Grand Jury

Placer County Board of Supervisors