



2018

ANNUAL REPORT

Washington County Juvenile Justice
Center

Regional Juvenile Center

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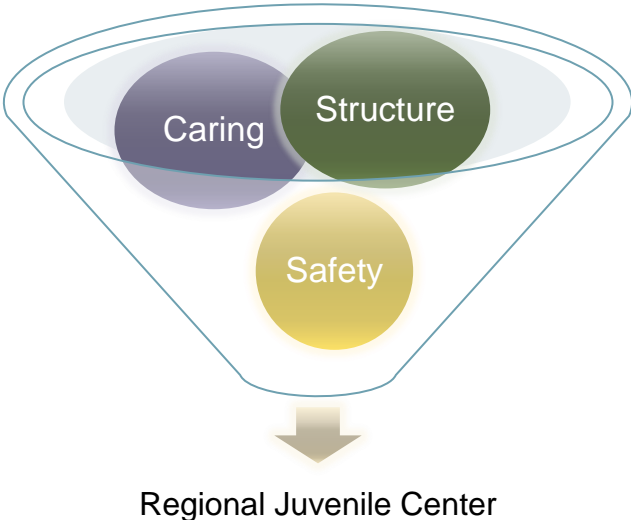
Mission Statement

THE PURPOSE OF THE REGIONAL JUVENILE CENTER IS TO PROVIDE A SECURE, SAFE, AND CARING ENVIRONMENT FOR JUVENILES CHARGED WITH DELINQUENT OR CRIMINAL OFFENSES.

VALUES

C.A.S.E. – CREATING A SUCCESSFUL ENVIRONMENT

C.A.S.E. WAS DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT, ENHANCE POSITIVE LIFE SKILLS AND GAIN THE COOPERATION AND COMPLIANCE OF YOUTH WHILE IN DETENTION. THE GOAL IS TO ENCOURAGE POSITIVE INTERACTION WITH STAFF AND PEERS.



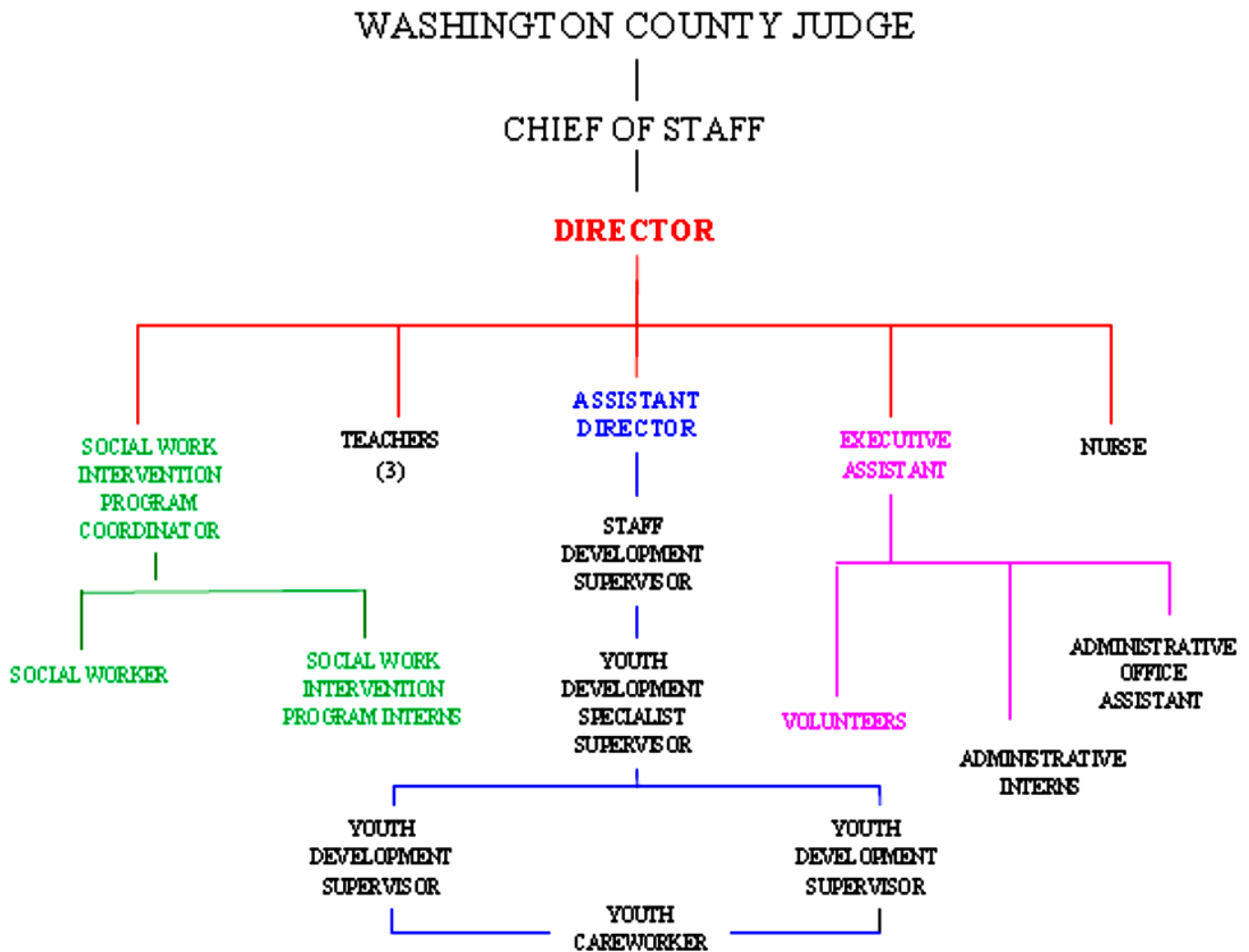
Definitions

- ◆ **Secure** – *All entrances and exits shall be controlled by the staff. At no time will a juvenile be allowed to exit the building unaccompanied by a staff person unless that juvenile has been released at the direction of the detaining Court.*
- ◆ **Safe** – *No juvenile in the care of the Regional Juvenile Center is to be abused (physically, sexually, or psychologically) by any resident, staff person, or visitor.*
- ◆ **Caring** – *The staff shall make every effort to assure that the juvenile is free from medical or dental disorders; is properly fed; receives a proper amount of rest; has clean clothing and bedding; is allowed to exercise; and, is offered appropriate educational, counseling, religious, and recreational opportunities. Additionally, the staff shall treat each juvenile with respect and courtesy.*



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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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2018 STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Intakes	465
Days of Detention	6,876
Average Age	15.49
Average Stay	14.79

Top Ten Reasons for Detention Ranked by # of Intakes

Offense

Intakes

1) Probation Violation	Misdemeanor	64
2) Battery-3	Misdemeanor	48
3) Theft By Receiving	Felony	44
4) Violation of Terms & Conditions	No Charge	40
5) Controlled Substance Violation	Misdemeanor	38
6) Probation Violation	Felony	37
7) Fleeing	Felony	29
8) Theft of Property	Felony	23
9) Controlled Substance Violation	Felony	23
10) Theft of Property	Misdemeanor	20

Intakes by Court of Jurisdiction

COURT	# INTAKES
Interstate Compact	11
Juvenile	452
Circuit/Adult Charged	16
Municipal	1

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Statistical Comparisons

YEAR	# OF INTAKES	# OF DAYS DETENTION	% OF DETENTION DAYS USED BY WASHINGTON COUNTY
2014	453	3,738	96.5%
2015	485	4,227	96%
2016	508	4,745	94.96%
2017	505	6,462	99.24%
2018	465	6,876	98.94%

REVENUES

◆ **Charges to Counties for the Detention of Juveniles \$92.00 day**

County	2017	2018
Madison	\$ 4,416.00	\$ 6,164.00
Faulkner		\$368.00
Little River	\$92.00	
Crawford	\$552.00	
Year Total	\$5,060.00	\$6,532.00

COCA COLA MACHINE - \$142.94

Staff over-tipping- \$0.66

SYSCO GROCERY- \$268.93 (class action settlement)

Student Intern, Volunteer Program and Contributions

The Center has had a volunteer program since 1985. All volunteers complete a written application and their background is checked through the *Child Abuse and Neglect Registry*. Volunteers are required to complete orientation training prior to working with the residents.

The agencies, and or individuals that participated in this program in 2018 are as follows: The Duggar home church group *2 hours a month* for a total of 24 hours in 2018. The Washington County Sheriff's Chaplain's Program frequently visits the youth logging over 48 hours. Mr. David Furr has provided haircuts to the residents on a weekly basis for 15 years free of charge. Ms. Victoria Kuru also provided haircuts with a focus on ethnic hair-cuts. Without their generosity, the County would be responsible to provide this service as per Juvenile Standards. We are most appreciative for their continued gift of service. They provide these services weekly as needed. "Into The Light" an organization that deals with sex trafficking in our State visit the youth weekly. Gretchen Smeltzer and her Team of trained professionals conduct workshops with our detention and court staff to assist in recognizing victims of this ever growing issue as well as offering support, counseling, information and resources to young woman who have fallen prey to these abusers. All workshops and visits to youth are free of charge. The group has logged over 86 hours of service in 2018. This group also works closely with Juvenile Court.

Other volunteers/Services:

- Crystal Bridges – Provided two 2 hours workshops a month, totally over 24 hours of hands on art projects.
- The U of A WITS (Writers in the Schools) provided 2 workshops in poetry writing instruction. Youth that participated poems were selected to be published in their annual poetry publication & each youth was provided with a copy of this book
- Arkansas Game & Fish Association provided 6 hours of instruction on various instructions concerning wildlife, fishing & land preservation
- Raul Rodriquez provided several workshops in the instruments of boxing
- Jaqualine Silva with U of A division of Agriculture provided 6 hours of nutrition and food preparation. Each student received a certificate upon completing the

In addition to volunteers, the facility has also received donations from organizations and individuals in the form of books, videos, food, educational pamphlets and prizes for the **FINS (Fishing in the Natural State)** fishing derbies. A private individual donated a

weight machine to our physical education department. The Quorum Court generously donated money to provide a holiday meal for residents & staff on Christmas day and New Year's Eve. C & C Services provided the Thanksgiving meal to both residents and staff. Donations in 2018 exceeded \$ 2,500.00.

As you can see, we are extremely fortunate to be blessed with the numerous individuals and groups that have so selflessly given to our youth in numerous forms with the hope of positively touching the lives of these young adults. We continue to have people on a waiting list to offer their services. On an added note, we do not seek out these services! What a wonderful community we live in!

Tours

The Detention Center has open tours for the public on *Thursdays between 3:30 & 4:00 p.m.* These tours are an attempt to educate those interested or ordered by the Juvenile Court Judge or Court Staff on what Juvenile Detention is. For the year 2018, 28 youth toured with 30 parents/guardians. 280 interested community members also toured the facility.

Interested individuals and groups are encouraged and welcome to tour the facility, however, we do not allow school classes to tour during the course of the school day. The residents are in their individual sleeping rooms during tours for reasons of confidentiality. They are required to attend 6 hours of school per day in detention, therefore, that would disrupt the mandated education program. We discourage anyone under the age of 10 to engage in these tours. Statistics maintain that introducing a child to an environment such as this, increases their chances of becoming part of the judicial system. Appropriate preventative education is suggested. Arkansas does not participate in the SCARED STRAIGHT PROGRAMS as these such programs have proven to be damaging.

State Grant-In-Aid Program

The Juvenile Detention **GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM** (*G.I.A.*) began in July 1989. Grant supervision and funding is through the **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**. The purpose of the *G.I.A.* is to provide juvenile detention centers with funds to upgrade programming, pay salaries, purchase materials, and make approved repairs. A stipulation of this grant is that *G.I.A.* funds **are not be used to supplement county funds**.

Up until 1997, the Center received \$50,000.00 per year through this program. In 1998, the formula for funding was changed and the amount received was \$24,138.00. The later of 1998, WCJDC increased bed space from 14 to 16 which increased the award to \$27,826.00. Information was received from the **DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES** to expect about a one-third decrease in the amount for our 1999 award. The Center received an award of \$23,022.00 for 1999. In 2000, a new Juvenile Justice Facility was constructed with 36 beds giving the facility a grant award of \$28,400.00, which again is a decrease from previous years. In 2001, the facility again received an award amount of \$28,400.00. The same amount was received for 2002, 2003 and 2004. In 2005, \$ 29,998.00 was received. The \$ 1,598.00 addition is due to funds left over from the 10th Judicial Juvenile facility closing a few years ago. \$29,998.00 was received for 2006 and \$35,063.00 for grant year 7/1/07 – 6/30/08. Since July of 2008, the award has continued to be \$31,167.00.

Education Program

In 1987, **WASHINGTON COUNTY** contracted with the **FAYETTEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT** to provide educational services to the Center's residents. The teacher was paid at the substitute teacher level and the County supplemented the teacher's income.

In 1995, the cost of the teacher's salary was equally split between the **FAYETTEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT** and **WASHINGTON COUNTY**. Educational materials were purchased by the County to support the program.

In 1996, the Department of Education provided grants to the local school districts that served JDC's in the state.

A formula was developed based on the number of beds and total amount of grant funds available. A portion of the teacher's salaries are funded through this grant and the County pays the remaining balance to the local school district.

Today's current educational program is endorsed and monitored by the **ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**. The basic curriculum involves attempting to maintain the student's current status in the school system as well as utilization of GED preparation materials. Student educational material from their current educational setting is encouraged and welcomed by the teaching staff. Students that utilize Chrome Books in their originating schools, may continue that form of education while in detention.

Students began using the newly constructed classroom in August of 2012 and have benefited tremendously with interactive classroom instruction through the use of a Smart-board. This area also affords the residents the opportunity to participate in group workshops led by various different agencies and individuals, whereas in the past due to limited space, we were not able to provide this opportunity.

An additional educational component of our school program involves a mandatory fitness workout for all detention youth who have satisfied an activity medical screening. These students participate in a various array of physical activities which are led and monitored by a certified physical education teacher.

The Washington County JDC educational program would like to participate in virtual school eventually.

The mission of the *FAYETTEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT* is to provide a rigorous and relevant education in which all students gain the academic and personal skills needed for lifelong learning and success. In conjunction with their mission, our education department continues to promote a well-rounded program for our students which, in turn, will reflect the importance of building a healthier America, both intellectually and physically.

Medical Services

Residents' parent or guardian, must sign a "*Consent for Medical Treatment*" form when their children are placed at the Center. This consent allows for the immediate medical treatment in the event of an accident or illness. Additionally, the signing of the form obligates parents to be responsible for the cost of the medical care provided to their children. This procedure significantly reduces the expense of medical care. Total cost for prescription medications paid out of County funds for residents in 2018 was \$ 0.

The Center contracts with a nurse to complete a medical screening on all residents within 24 hours of their arrival. If a resident arrives at the Center with an injury or illness, the nurse will respond immediately or refer to the emergency room. The nurse also completes regularly scheduled sick calls and is on call for medical emergencies 24/7. Parents/guardians may also use their primary care physicians when necessary. This also includes dental care and vision care. The Washington County Sheriff's Department provides medical services to the adult charged youth.

Training

In 2018 the Center's employees received approximately 600.25 hours of training. Juvenile detention staff are **required** to complete 40-hours of in-service training the first year of employment, and 16 hours of continuing education annually, mandated as per the Arkansas Juvenile Standards. Please see our web page for a list of all mandated training listed under Juvenile Detention Facility Standards.

The Center also provides structured activities for the youth conducted by the detention staff or other agencies. Over 300 hours were logged in providing activities/workshops to the youth. The activities included CPR/First Aid, Life Skills, Nutrition, Alcohol Tobacco & Drug Prevention/Awareness, Robotics, anger management, environment sustainability, preparing for a job interview/the interview process, Painting with a Purpose workshops and yoga classes are among the numerous topics.

Juvenile Detention Standards

Arkansas standards for juvenile detention centers were put into place in 1992. The Jail Review Board inspected the center for compliance in November of 2018. The facility was found to be in compliance and no corrective actions were required. A copy of this inspection can be found on the JDC webpage.

The Division of Youth Services also conducts an annual audit. No deficiencies were found for Washington County JDC in 2018. This information may also be located on the JDC webpage.

Juvenile Standards were revised and updated and finalized December 2014 with the assistance of Danny Hickman (Jail Standards), in coordination with the AJDA (Arkansas Juvenile Detention Association) Denyse Collins President of the Association that year and Jean E. Mack, co-founder of AJDA and past 3 terms President of the Association.

Highlights For 2018

- Provided clinical services to an estimated 70% of detained youth, with an estimated 75% of youth receiving services having diagnosable mental health (with co-morbid substance use) issues.
- Supported the community by hosting Master level clinical Interns from the U of A, Fayetteville and U of A Little Rock, as well as hosted PhD Interns from the U of A Psychology Department
- Was afforded another opportunity to provide a better public service to the citizens of Washington County, when for the 4th year, the U of A, Little Rock School of Social Work, Mid-South Training Network, requested training from the Washington County Social Work Department Administrator, Shelley Clingan, LDSW, RTC for community stakeholders in juvenile justice
- Partnered with the Washington County Sheriff's health provider to maintain and care for the adult-charged youth held at JDC
- Retained 100% of clinical staff and detention supervisors
- Clinical staff, Shelley Clingan successfully met the requirements of the AR Social Work Licensing Board to renew her clinical license for practice (LCSW) and Jennifer Gray, LMSW passed her State licensure exam to obtain the next level of her state issued licensure

- Secured a technical assistance grant to provide a higher level of training for employees in a supervisory role. 27 people from 10 county departments and 4 individuals from Benton County participated in a 2 day intensive workshop
- Assistant Director, Kendrick Sexton received the Bob Rader National award from the National Partnership of Juvenile Services for Line Staff Worker of the Year
- Social Worker, Shelley Clingan received the Bob Rader National award from NPJS for Service Worker of the Year
- Staff Development Coordinator, Jeremy Patterson became President elect for the Arkansas Juvenile Detention Association which represent the 14 JDC's in the State
- 260 hours of volunteer services were provided to the staff and residents at no fee to the County
- Juvenile Careworker, Micah Dennis received the Community Hero Award and Proclamation with the Mayor's Literacy Day for Black and Latino male youth. Micah continues to serve her community through her Non-Profit "Fayettevillage". Their mission is to ensure children become as self-sufficient as possible, while promoting healthy eating, spiritual stability and self-efficacy. Micah and her group participate as well as orchestrate numerous community events such as the annual back to school celebrity basketball tournament
- Director Jeane Mack, through her non-profit organization, "Inspiring Hearts", sponsored the 4th annual summer program for gang involved youth. IH was also able to sponsor several female youth to attain a safe place to live as well as household items, food and other basic necessities.
- The facility remained in compliance with all audits/reviews
- There were no escapes, suicides or serious injuries to staff or residents

SUMMARY:

The Director and Supervisors of our facility as well as other vested stakeholders will continue working together in unity to guide the detention staff in directions that will better serve the youth we come in contact with as well as provide appropriate, professional training to enable our staff to be the best that they can be in the capacity they are in at the Washington County Juvenile Center and in representing the County as a whole.

We look forward to another year of challenges, successes and growth. We greatly appreciate the continued concern and support from our County Judge as well as the Quorum Court and members and citizens of our community. This county is fortunate to have such caring individuals that strive to provide not only a safe, secure facility, but also providing the means to offer successes to our youth of Washington & Madison and other counties that may utilize our services.

