

# JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS INSPECTION REPORT

Please respond to the sections that apply to the facility you are inspecting

Facility Name: Marin County Juvenile Hall

Inspection Date: 6/9/2014

Facility Capacity: 40

Last Inspection: 3/8/2013

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San Rafael, CA 94903

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Superintendent: Matt Perry

Staff Interviewed: Various

Type of Facility:  Juvenile Hall  Camp  Co-Ed?

Presiding Juvenile Court Judge: Faye D'Opal

Commission Chair: Marissa Wertheimer

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Signature

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## Major Concerns and Recommendations:

The JJDPC Inspection team recommends the following: 1. Students shared that the curriculum was not challenging or stimulating enough. We recommend that education in Juvenile Hall reflect best practices, for example, project-based learning. 2. School staff should/could create procedures to improve communication with a minor's prior school, to insure instructional and academic continuity for the student. 3. Minors could/should be offered more opportunities for career and life skills training and education. 4. To ensure that minors view and understand the information in the orientation video, minors and staff should sign off/confirm that the video was viewed and understood. 5. The addition of victim awareness classes, including information on sexual assault, rape, sexual harassment, sexual abuse and trafficking should be included.

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## AREA REVIEWED: Please Check

QUALITY OF LIFE	PROGRAMS	PERSONS INTERVIEWED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical Plant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meals/Nutrition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical/Dental Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volunter Involvement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visiting <input type="checkbox"/> Volunter Involvement <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Vocation/Employability <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service <input type="checkbox"/> Victim/Gang Awareness <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minors <input type="checkbox"/> Superintendent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical/Psyche. Staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child Supervision Staff <div style="text-align: center;">(Counselors)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Services Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Has the facility exceeded capacity since the last inspection?**

No

**Does the facility house minors under Section 601 of the Welfare & Institutions Code?**

Yes  No      **If yes, are 601's separated from 602's?**

On rare occasions, 601's are housed in this facility, however they are separated by sight and sound.

**Date of Last Fire Drill:**      monthly/rando

**SINCE THE LAST INSPECTION INDICATE:**

<b>Number of Suicides:</b> <u>0</u>	<b>Number of Attempted Suicides:</b> <u>0</u>
<b>Number of Deaths From Other Causes:</b> <u>0</u>	<b>Number of Escapes:</b> <u>0</u>

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SLEEPING ROOMS (Cells)

Comments:

The condition of the sleeping rooms was adequate and ADA compliant. Some of the mattresses appeared quite worn and could be replaced.

LOCAL INSPECTIONS

Fire  No  Yes Date 3/24/2014  
(Health & Safety Code Section 13146.1)

Medical/Mental Health  No  Yes Date 5/25/2012

Environmental Health  No  Yes Date 5/13/2014

Nutritional Health  No  Yes Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Health & Safety Code Section 101045)

Facility Safety and Security

STAFFING

Staff to Child Ratio - Awake and Sleeping

The minimum staff to child ration is 1:10. During waking hours, a minimum of 4 staff are on duty. Three staff are on duty during sleeping hours. There were 7 minors in residence at the time of inspection.

Communication in Language Minor Can Understand?

Outside language translation services are on call when needed for minors who do not understand English or when the minor's language is not spoken by one of the staff members.

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**STAFFING (Continued)**

**Diversity of Staff:**

Juvenile Hall employs female and male African-American, Hispanic, Pacific Islander, Asian and Caucasian staff

**Staff/Minor Interactions:**

Minors generally reported good relationships with the staff and this was consistent with the inspection team's observations on site. The inspection team interviewed 3 minors and observed a total of seven.

**Staff Interviews - Comments:**

The inspection team interviewed a half dozen staff members. All the staff interviewed were positive and dedicated and appeared genuinely concerned with the well being of the minors in their charge. Staff think a gym and 1/2 sport/basketball court would be a good addition to the hall.

**CONDITIONS OF GROUNDS**

**Lawns, Playing Fields, Backdrop, Asphalt, Other:**

The conditions of the playing areas appeared adequate.

**EXTERIOR OF BUILDING**

**General Condition, Paint, Roof, Drains/Gutters, Other:**

The condition of physical plant appeared to be in good condition.

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INTERIOR OF BUILDING

Walls, Paint, Floors, Drains, Plumbing, Fixtures Working, Air Vents, Windows

The condition of the interior is satisfactory. Plumbing, air vents and windows secure.

Are cleaning fluids and chemicals labeled and safely stored?

Yes. Out of minor's access.

Weapons Locker Location

Weapons locker is inside the Sally Port Garage, which is locked and not accessible to minors. There is also a second weapons locker in the lobby of Juvenile Hall.

Recreation/Sports Equipment

Football and basketballs were present and available. Other sports equipment was not inspected.

Are the hallways clear and doors propped open?

Hallways were clear and some doors were propped open for air flow.

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INTERIOR OF BUILDING (Continued)

Court Holding Area - (If present) Access to drinking water and toilet?

Access to drinking and toilet facilities are available in the Juvenile Hall living unit and outside in the recreation area. Minors have access to bathroom facilities before entering the court holding area, where no facilities are available.

Sleeping Rooms/Dormitories:

34 single rooms and 6 double rooms for a total of 40 beds. Some mattresses appeared worn.

BEDS - Type: 12' off the floor:

Yes

Art, books, personal possessions allowed in sleeping rooms?

Yes

Graffiti Present?

No

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INTERIOR OF BUILDING (Continued)

Ample Blankets?

Yes and additional blankets are available upon request.

Study Area

The day room appeared to be the primary study/reading area, in addition to the classroom. The library is well-stocked!

Adequate Lighting

Yes. The facility has both natural and artificial lighting.

Temperature

The temperature was comfortable.

ORIENTATION OF MINORS

Are minors oriented to rules and procedures?

Yes. When minors first arrive at the facility, during their booking process, they are presented with an orientation session, including a video explaining the rules. The video is available in English and Spanish. Some of the minors interviewed said they were not shown or don't remember being shown the video. For this reason, it is recommended that both staff and minors sign off, confirming that they have seen and understand the video.

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ORIENTATION OF MINORS (Continued)

Are rules and grievance procedures posted?

Yes

Are rules and grievance procedures understood by minors?

The rules appear to be understood by the minors, although some minors reported they were unaware of any printed grievance procedures.

Minors Interviewed - Comments

Generally minors reported good relationships with the staff. Minors reported only 1 shower out of 4 was working. Only one shower is allowed daily, even if minor is sweaty. One minor shared that medical needs are not always met in a timely manner. Specifically, one minor reported ongoing dental problems and his speech during interview indicated potential dental pain. Are dental needs efficiently addressed in Juvenile Hall?

MEALS/NUTRITION

Kitchen - Clean, Are Knives and Chemicals Locked?

The kitchen was very clean and all chemical and cleaning products locked.

Have the youths working in the kitchen been trained?

Minors do not work in the kitchen. The inspection team agreed that there could be a job development program/opportunity that includes food preparation or food service.



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MEALS/NUTRITION (Continued)

Are meals served on cafeteria style?

Meals are served in the Day Room, because of the low population. When more minors are present, meals are served in the Dining Hall.

Are minors permitted to converse during meals?

Yes

Are staff present and supervising?

Yes

Is a weekly menu prepared? Is it posted?

Yes

Are servings ample, nutritious and appetizing?

The meals appear to be ample, nutritious and and balanced. Some minors complained that fruits and vegetables were not very fresh. The Inspection team agreed.

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MEALS/NUTRITION (Continued)

Are weaker youths protected from having food taken from them?

There were no reports of food being taken from younger minors. No reports of bullying.

Length of time allowed to eat:

Minors are allowed a minimum of 20 minutes to eat, although time can be extended if activities and schedule permit.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF MINORS

Appearance:

All the youth appeared healthy and well groomed.

SHOWERS: Frequency, Privacy Maintained, Supervised by Staff, Any assault by other youths?

Showers are daily, in the evening. Genders are separated and supervised by same sex staff. Due to low numbers, minors are allowed private showers. Younger minors may request to shower alone. Victims or perpetrators of sexual assaults must shower alone. No reported assaults on minors during showers has been reported.

CONDITION OF CLOTHING - Does clothing fit? Clothing appropriate to the weather?

Clothing appeared appropriate and adequate.

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## PROGRAMS

### RECREATION - Types and amount each day:

90 minutes of large muscle activity. Ping pong, movies and yoga are also sometimes available. Dominoes and chess are available.

### EXERCISE - Daily schedule and amount of time each day:

Physical education is scheduled for 45 minutes daily on school days with an additional 45 minutes of voluntary large muscle activity such as basketball or handball. While the inspection team was on site, we observed two minors playing basketball.

### Access to religious services:

Religious services include a religious education program one evening during the week and religious services on Sunday mornings. Services are optional. The staff reports that any minor may request the services of a personal pastor, rabbi or priest. A couple minors shared that they enjoyed attending the religious program.

### Medical/Mental Health Services:

A Public Health Nurse is on site 4 hours a day, seven days a week and a physician is on site once a week (or as needed) and available by telephone 24/7. Mental Health: a licensed mental health professional is on duty 8 hours a day/5 days a week and emergency Psych services are available by phone 24/7. It was noted, by at least one minor, that there was a concern about dental health services.

### Volunteer Program:

A wide and rich variety of volunteer services are used in an ongoing schedule. Church volunteers, yoga teachers, school tutors, mental health interns, various live entertainment as well as NA and AA representatives. Grant funds allow Writing/Beat programs, poetry classes, art classes, Life Skills and Aggression Replacement Therapy programs, and HIV/AIDS awareness groups as well as smoking cessation sessions.