



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

2013

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: Approximate operating expenses for 2012-2013: \$6,769,144

Source of Funding: County General Fund, Public Safety Sales Tax, Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act, and USDA

Date of Inspection: May 10, 2013

Juvenile Justice Commission Inspection Team:

Walk thru team: Christina Miller, John Richardson, Paul Comiskey, and Sam Stodolski

Records inspection team: Sandena Bader, Sam Stodolski

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: **15**

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

Date of last Fire Inspection: **October 21, 2011** Date of last Health Inspection: **November 7, 2012**

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 [] 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 []
Are there any volunteer programs in place? N/A
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? Pending implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

Types of programs administered or taught at facility:

Adolescent Recovery Program, Teaching Pro Social Skills, Forward Thinking, Basic Hygiene Program, Gardening, Journaling, Library, Girl's Circle (in the works)

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 [X] NO []
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? 15 To 1 with 2 Teaching Assistants

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:

Commissioners interviewed four youth. During the interviews, minors expressed that they felt as though their grievances were not always handled in a timely manner or taken seriously. Minors also expressed that they felt as though some of the staff can be rude and tend to play favorites. Minors also stated that they frequently find things in the food, such as hair. Minors also reported that in order to see the nurse or

doctor, they are required to submit a “blue slip” requesting to see the nurse or doctor. Minors reported that it can take up to 24 hours to see the nurse or doctor and that the process is inadequate if the minor complains of a headache and cannot receive medication in a timely manner.

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:

On May 10, 2013, Commissioners Miller, Comiskey, Richardson, 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, Alternative 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 upon completion of school work. Minors also have the opportunity to complete college course work online with the assistance of teachers and teaching aids.

Minors benefit from programs such as Adolescent Recovery Program, Teaching Pro Social Skills, Forward Thinking, Basic Hygiene Program, Gardening, Journaling, Library, and Girl’s Circle (in the works).

On the day of the inspection, the Commissioners found the facility to be clean and well kept. The minors interviewed were open and willing to talk to the Commission. Commissioners inquired into whether or not the minors have access to the outdoor recreational areas and staff informed the commission that due to staffing shortages, they are not able to utilize the outdoor areas as much as they would like. Assistant Superintendent Hazen informed the commission that the department in is in the process of hire extra help for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Placer County JDF is in the process of implementing new regulations under the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). The JDF is also in the process of implementing a new behavior modification program that replaces the old point system in order for minors to benefit more from the point system during a shorter detention.

On May 28, 2013, Commissioners Stodolski and Bader reviewed the serious incident reports and all grievances filed by minors during the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Majority of the grievances filed pertained to discrepancies with the new point system and complaints regarding the food. Assistant Superintendent Hazen informed Commissioners that the department is still working on ironing out the glitches with the new point system.

Commissioner's Observations or Recommendations:

During the walk thru, Commissioners observed that several of the minors had removed their mattresses from the top bunk of their beds. Commissioners followed up with Assistant Superintendent Hazen to see why the minors were removing their mattresses. Hazen reported that the minors claimed that the beds were uncomfortable (there is a bar across the middle), or they were afraid of heights, and that it is cooler on the floor. One minor reported that it hurt his ankles to jump from the top bunk.

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 Donavon Hazen do an outstanding job with maintaining and running this facility.

The Placer County Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission recommends a plan to utilize more of the outdoor recreational areas.

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: **June 12, 2013**



Signed
