VISITATION

I. Only immediate family (parents, grandparents, guardians, brothers and sisters) are permitted to visit. One visiting family member must be 21-years-old or older. All visitors must be at least age 18.

II. To Arrange Visitation:
1. Contact law enforcement agency/DJJ County Office for approval to visit.
2. Contact Detention Center Staff to verify that approval was received.
3. Call the Detention Center at (803) 896-9440 to schedule an appointment. An appointment with the Detention Center must be made no later than 8 p.m. prior to the day of the visit.

Visitation Hours:
Monday: 9:30-11:30am
Tuesday: 9:30-11:30am
Wednesday: 9:30-11:30am & 6-8 pm
Thursday: 9:30-11:30am
Friday: 9:30-11:30am
Saturday: 9:30-11:30am
Sunday: 9:30-11:30am & 1:30-3:30pm

Visitation Rules:
1. Only two visitors may visit at a time.
2. All visitors must have a state-issued driver's license or identification card.
3. Visitors cannot give youth: money, food, cigarettes or any contraband.
4. Searches/metal detectors are in use.

The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age. THE FOLLOWING OFFICES HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO HANDLE INQUIRIES REGARDING THE NONDISCRIMINATON POLICIES: Title IX – Inspector General’s Office – 803-896-9595 Title II & 504 – Special Education Office – 803-896-8484.
**DJJ Detention Center**

DJJ’s Juvenile Detention Center is a centralized pretrial detention facility, serving juveniles from most of South Carolina’s 46 counties (several counties, including Richland and Charleston, operate their own long-term and short-term detention facilities).

A new expanded and more security-aligned Center opened at DJJ in 2001. The Center is a secure, short-term facility that provides custodial care and treatment to male and female juveniles ages 11 to 17 who are detained by law enforcement agencies and the family courts prior to disposition. Additionally, youths awaiting trial on more serious or violent charges reside at DJJ’s Detention Center to ensure public safety and the juveniles’ immediate availability for court proceedings.

**Education**

Each juvenile attends school during their stay at the Juvenile Detention Center. The Center is part of the SCDJJ Special School District, where all teachers are certified. Each juvenile will continue in the grade/classroom placement they most recently attended while in the community, including receiving special education services as appropriate.

**Medical Treatment**

Medical exams and sick calls are conducted by an appropriate health care professional and the Detention Center nursing staff for any non-emergency medical problems. Minor first aid will be administered by the Detention Center staff according to protocols established by the Medical Director. All medical emergencies are handled by EMS or a designated hospital. Dental problems are assessed by the dispensary nursing staff and referred to the dentist.

**Population Served**

The Center serves two populations: Family Court and General Session cases. The status of the youth is generally determined by age and the type of crime. Families can obtain information from the DJJ County office managing the case if the youth was detained with a Family Court Order. For youth that are held with an arrest warrant or bond, their information can be accessed through the arresting law enforcement agency or the solicitor’s office. In either case, the assigned social worker can provide assistance.

**Screening**

Each youth will receive a brief mental health screening upon admission to the Detention Center. A master’s level social worker reviews, and if a mental health concern is identified, a referral will be made to the Detention Center psychologist, DJJ psychiatrist, mental health liaison stationed at the detention center, or to other applicable services. The primary objective of the mental health screening is to ensure the emotional well-being of youth in detention and to provide linkage to appropriate community-based services for the youth upon release from detention.

**Juvenile Rights**

All juveniles have the right to fair and impartial treatment by the Detention Center staff, including the following rights:

1. To be informed of the written rules of conduct, which specify prohibited acts within the facility, or any penalties that may be imposed as a direct result of a violation of these guidelines.
2. To not be discriminated against based on religion, race, national origin, gender, physical or mental handicap, or political beliefs; the right to access program services and work assignments.
3. To receive regular visits with parents/guardians and to send/receive mail.
4. To uncensored, un-inspected, outgoing mail; all incoming mail will be checked by the staff in the presence of the juvenile.
5. To contact an attorney by telephone or by unopened written letter while in custody.
6. To not be subjected to physical punishment, harassment, threats, harm, humiliation, or interference of normal bodily functions such as eating, sleeping, or using the bathroom.
7. To complain about programs and services when they do not get a satisfactory answer from staff or feel they have been treated unfairly.
8. To have their complaints kept confidential without fear of disclosure.
9. To have his/her complaints handled quickly.