

Juvenile Justice & Youth Services

Office of Detention and Receiving Centers



Utah Department of
Health & Human
Services

Locked Detention

Program Description:

Locked Detention is designed to provide short-term confinement of youths who pose an immediate danger to the community. Locked detention provides short-term confinement for delinquent youths awaiting adjudication, placement, or serving a sentence ordered by a Utah Juvenile Court Judge. JJYS operates 11 separate locked detention programs throughout the state. Youths participate in school, cognitive behavioral skill building groups and recreational activities. Family involvement including phone contact and visitation is available and strongly encouraged.

The Statewide Detention Admission Guidelines provides an extensive list of "Holdable Offenses." Any of these offenses outline will admit a youth into detention. The list of guidelines can be found [here](#).

Excusatory Criteria:

Youths charged with a status offense (e.g., truancy, curfew, underage smoking); youth who failed to appear at a court hearing for a criminal event within the past 12-months; youths who run away from home in Utah; youths who have been abused, neglected or abandoned; any youth under age 10. Youths under the influence of alcohol/drugs or with significant bodily injury may require medical clearance.

Desired Outcomes:

- Protect the community
- Hold youths accountable
- Early screening and assessment

Length of Stay

The length of stay in the program is individualized for each youth as determined by the Utah Juvenile Court.

Target Population

Delinquent youths, ages 12-17, who pose a significant risk to the community.