

Juvenile Justice & Youth Services

Office of Detention and Receiving Centers



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Services

Home Detention

Program Description:

Home Detention is a court ordered program that serves as a community-based alternative to secure detention for pre-adjudicated youth awaiting the final disposition of their current charges. This program allows youth to remain in their homes under structured supervision, reducing reliance on detention facilities. Home Detention staff provide consistent oversight through regular phone check-ins, in-person visits, electronic monitoring, meetings with parent or guardians, and schools check-in to monitor academic attendance.

Youth ordered to Home Detention are required to remain within their residence, with specific exceptions for attending school, enaging in employment, and participating in other approved pro-social activities. During these designated times, they may only leave the home when accompanied by a parent, guardian, or a responsible adult who has been approved by the probation officer or home detention staff. This arrangement is designed to ensure continued accountability while providing the necessary support for the youth.

Youth eligible for this program include:

- Youths who are not an immediate risk to the community and can be supervised in a community setting.

Exculsinary Criteria include but not limited to youths identified as posing a significant risk to the community, youths without parental or adult supervision, or the likelihood youths would not appear to court hearings if released.

Desired Outcomes:

- Youth appears at court for disposition
- No new charges during program
- No new charges of custody disposition 90-days upon program exit

Length of Stay

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

Target Population

Low, Moderate and High risk youths, ages 12-17, who are not at significant risk to the community. Additionally, the parent/guardian or approved responsible adult will provide supervision in the home.