

Juvenile Justice & Youth Services

Office of Detention and Receiving Centers



Utah Department of
Health & Human
Services

Juvenile Receiving Centers

Program Description:

Juvenile Receiving Centers (JRCs) are located across the state for law enforcement officers to drop off arrested, delinquent, ungovernable, or runaway youths who do not meet admission guidelines for secure detention. These centers operate in partnership with the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services, the Division of Child and Family Services, law enforcement, the Utah Juvenile Court, and local communities. Upon receiving a youth, Center workers immediately attempt to contact the youth's parent(s) or guardian(s). They evaluate the youth's immediate needs for security and care, and make referrals for services when appropriate. Juvenile Receiving Center staff work to find parents/guardians, evaluate the youth's immediate needs for care, and refer youths for services.

Desired Outcome:

- Law enforcement officer will return to duty within 20 minutes of admitting a youth to a JRC
- Youth is assessed for immediate needs
- Youth and family referrals for services are made

Target Population:

Youths, ages 10-17, who are charged with delinquent offenses, are ungovernable or are in-state runaways.

Exclusionary Criteria:

Include, but not limited to, active psychosis, actively suicidal, assaultive towards peers, sexually acting out, or under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs to the degree that they cannot respond coherently.

Receiving Center Service Model

Law
enforcement
admits youth to
JRC

Center worker
interviews and
assesses youth

Center worker
discusses
problem areas
with a youth's
parent or
guardian

Center worker
reviews
intervention
options with the
family

Referrals are
made (e.g.,
parenting
classes, youth
services, and
community
resources)