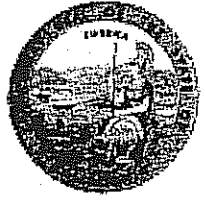


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Juvenile Delinquency Court

Detention Facilities for Minors who are Locked Up

If a minor is locked up while the judge decides the case, the minor may go to a local facility.

After a case is decided, the minor could be ordered to go to a state facility. The judge will look at how serious the crime was and if the minor has a criminal history.

Local Facilities

The Juvenile Probation Department manages the 4 local detention facilities in the county.

They are:

- Juvenile Hall
- Muriel Wright Residential Center
- William F. James Boys Ranch
- Harold Holden Ranch for Boys

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<p>Juvenile Hall 840 Guadalupe Parkway San Jose, CA 95100</p> <p>408-278-5820</p>	<p>Juvenile Hall has 366 beds. Both boys and girls stay here while they wait for the Court to decide their cases. There are different "living units". The unit where you stay depends on your age, history and what you're charged with.</p> <p>Juvenile Hall has a Mental Health Clinic, a Medical Clinic, and religious services. Minors go to a county school in Juvenile Hall. They can also go to programs for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug abuse • Dealing with anger • Kids in gangs • Family responsibilities, and • Victim awareness
<p>Muriel Wright Residential Center 298 Bernal Rd., San Jose, CA 95119</p> <p>408-227-8022</p>	<p>This is a rehabilitation center for girls. It has room for 41 girls that a judge has ordered to be locked up.</p> <p>The center will evaluate the girls to see what programs they should be in. The girls go to a county school at the center. They can also go to programs about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs and alcohol • Life skills • How to deal with anger, and • Gangs
<p>William F. James</p>	<p>The James Ranch has 96 boys living there. They</p>

<p>Boys Ranch 19050 Malaguerra Ave. Morgan Hill, CA 95037 408-201-7600</p>	<p>are 16 to 18 years olds that the judge has ordered to be locked up.</p> <p>The boys get tutoring to get their GED. They also get vocational training in horticulture, construction and car mechanics.</p> <p>The boys take part in work programs on the ranch and other places, including the Santa Clara Valley Water District. They also do community service in the whole county. The work programs help run the ranch.</p> <p>The boys can also participate in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug and alcohol treatment • Mental health counseling • Anger management, and • Sports competitions
<p>Harry Holden Ranch for Boys 19050 Malaguerra Ave. Morgan Hill, CA 95037 408-201-7650</p>	<p>The Holden Ranch is next to the James Ranch. There are 100 boys living there from ages 12 to 16. Boys are sent here as part of their sentence.</p> <p>Each boy has an individual education program. The programs are like the ones at the James Ranch, but for younger boys.</p> <p>Holden Ranch also lets boys help teachers in a school for children who have severe physical and emotional disabilities.</p>

To learn more about the Santa Clara County Juvenile Probation Department, [go to their website](#).

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State Facilities

The California Youth Authority manages state institutions and camps. They also provide training programs and parole supervision.

The California Youth Authority is the biggest state run institution for minors in the country. It has more than 10,000 minors in 17 facilities.

Of the 11 institutions, 2 are used as reception centers. This is where all the new offenders get screened and tested before they go to permanent programs. The permanent programs train, treat and teach the minors.

The Youth Authority also has 4 conservation camps and 2 camps are in the institutions.

The facilities vary in size. The biggest one has 1,900 boys.

There are different programs at the facilities, like:

- Basic education
- Advanced education
- Job training
- Work experience

All state institutions:

- Have drug and alcohol programs.
- Want the minors to take responsibility for their actions, and
- Teach them to do public service.

The camps focus on public service. This can mean fighting fires.

To learn more, go to the CYA website: <http://www.cya.ca.gov>.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Santa Clara County Probation Department is to reduce crime and protect the community through prevention, investigation and supervision services, and the safe custodial care for adult and juveniles. As an integral part of the justice system, the Department is committed to building partnerships with the community and restoring losses to victims of crime and the public through innovative programs that stress offender accountability and development of competency skills.

Public Purpose

Prevention of Repeat Offenders

Protection of the Community

Reduction of Crime

Goals

- Develop, implement and evaluate programs in collaboration with community and criminal justice agencies to help reduce crime and prevent repeat offenders.
- Provide support to the Courts through case investigation and supervisions.
- Assure juvenile offenders are afforded educational rights and appropriate services including special education.
- Provide community protection by holding offenders accountable through comprehensive assessment and treatment, appropriate level of supervision and sanctions, and compliance with Court orders.
- Promote developmental assets, including social and vocational skills, through appropriate rehabilitation and community-based programs.
- Support victims and the community through a continuum of services that assists in the restoration of losses, including payment of restitution and completion of community service.
- Provide safe custodial care for adult and juvenile offenders while emphasizing accountability and social responsibility.
- Deliver services in a responsible manner with integrity, professionalism, and with respect for the rights, diversity of individuals and the community.



Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act

The Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act was implemented on July 1, 2001. Funding and administrative oversight are provided through the California Board of Corrections. The five funded programs that are outlined below range from early intervention programs to assessment programs for incarcerated youth to transition programs that assist youth in successful reintegration back into the community.

Truancy Reduction Services: Truancy Reduction Services is a collaborative effort between four community based organizations and eight school districts that assists truant youth through an integrated case management system. Truancy reduction services utilize a countywide system of care focusing on prevention strategies for at-risk youth, diversion of children from the juvenile justice system and the delivery of services that are outcome-focused. The target population for this program are habitual truants ages six through 17.

Personal Enhancement Program: The Personal Enhancement Program is an intensive case management system that identifies and provides referral services for "at risk" families in the community. After a thorough assessment process, the family is linked to competency building programs within Mexican American Community Services Agency (MACSA) and or other service agencies. This program focuses on youth and their families.

Restorative Justice Program (RJP): The RJP provides early intervention, prevention and diversion services throughout the county. RJP utilizes community based interventions to build youth competency and to divert low level delinquent offenders from the justice system. The focus is to divert youth from custody or further penetration into the juvenile justice system utilizing strength-based and family-focused rehabilitation services.



Juvenile Crime Prevention Act (cont.)

Another critical component of RJP has been to provide services to the victims of crimes. Victim Services has increased victim involvement and works within the framework of restorative justice principals to restore losses to victims of crime. Enhancement of services has allowed the juvenile justice system to be truly victim-focused and to actively engage victim participation in the Court process. Victim Services brings together offenders and victims to address restitution issues and recovery of victim's losses. Other services include parent-teen conferencing, family mediation, victim awareness/effects of crime workshops and oversight of payment of Court ordered restitution to victims of crime. Seven community based organizations provide intensive case management, competency development, and asset building for at-risk youth.

Multi Agency Assessment Center: The Multi Agency Assessment Center provides educational assessment, substance abuse assessment, mental health assessment, referral services, case and transition plans for youth who are held in Juvenile Hall for over 72 hours. Nine community based organizations provide key programming elements. Assessment information is used to formulate a case plan that serves each enrolled youth throughout their involvement with the juvenile justice system. The assessment case plans support integrated case management and identify appropriate program services for offenders while in custody (i.e., life skills, anger management, domestic violence education, substance abuse counseling, gang intervention counseling, etc.). Program services are provided for this population while they are in custody through a combination of County agency services and contracted services through community based organizations. The assessment case plan is the tool that is used to link the juvenile offender to appropriate services in the juvenile justice system. Case plans are also used to link the juvenile offenders and their families to appropriate services (both educational and treatment services) when they leave custody and return to the community.

Community Based Aftercare: Community Based Aftercare is a twelve-month collaborative program for youth that have graduated from a juvenile rehabilitation facility or from the Juvenile Hall commitment program and are transitioning back to the community. Multi-discipline professionals create a transition plan before the minor is released from an institution. The minor receives intensive support from several agencies that participate in following through with the transition plan. Services include community support, family reunification, substance abuse services, mental health services, and educational services.



Diversion Services

Restorative Justice Program: Two Restorative Justice (RJ) units provide early intervention, prevention and diversion services to all areas of the county. These community programs utilize Neighborhood Accountability Boards and community based interventions to build youth competency and to divert low-level delinquent offenders from the justice system.

Victim Services: Actively engages victim participation in both the Court process and Neighborhood Accountability Boards. Provided by specialized unit that brings together offenders and victims to address restitution issues and recovery of victim's losses. The unit also focuses on parent-teen conferencing, family mediation, victim awareness/effects of crime workshops and facilitates payment of Court ordered restitution to victims of crime.

Screening Intake Services: Coordinates family reunification and diversion of low-level offenders utilizing community resources and mental health counseling through a Probation Unit. Offenders from other counties are also served by expediting returns to proper jurisdictions. This service also provides a liaison with the County's Children's Shelter.

Juvenile Diversion Services (contracted): Deputy Probation Officers are contracted and funded by local law enforcement agencies, school districts, and local governments to coordinate community resources and provide delinquency prevention, early intervention, and diversion services in the community.

Informal Juvenile and Traffic Court: Adjudicates non-felony traffic tickets and minor offense probation citations issued to juveniles in Santa Clara County and acts as liaison between the Courts and Probation.

Truancy Abatement/Burglary Suppression: An assigned Deputy Probation Officer coordinates with local police departments and school districts to provide intervention services to truants who are active probation clients.



Supervision Services

Probation Supervision: Provides investigation and supervision services divided among the five geographic areas of the county (North, South, East, West, and Central) based upon client residence. Investigation services include an evaluation of the social and legal aspects of the case as well as a recommendation to the Court as to disposition. Supervision services include referral to community and school services as well as assuring compliance with Court orders. The three levels of supervision are minimum, regular, and maximum. Juvenile clients may also be placed on informal supervision without Court intervention or the matter may be settled at intake without further disposition. The goal of appropriate probation supervision is to ensure public safety at the lowest level of offender sanction.

Alternative Placement Academy (APA): A school based collaborative program that provides in-home placement for high-risk youth that have been previously Court ordered to a juvenile rehabilitation facility or out-of-home placement.

First Offender Close Up Services (FOCUS): FOCUS is an intensive assessment and supervision service for first-time offenders based on the early identification and close monitoring to prevent further delinquency.

Gang Violence Suppression: Provided by probation unit that specializes in the investigation and supervision of adult and juvenile offenders with high-risk gang involvement. The unit coordinates closely with law enforcement agencies, community services, schools, and citizen groups to prevent gang related crime and violence.

Court Support: Provided by probation unit that represents the Probation Department in all juvenile court hearings. Coordinates activities between the Probation Department and the Court, District Attorney, Public Defender, privately retained attorneys, and the families of offenders.



Juvenile Rehabilitation Services

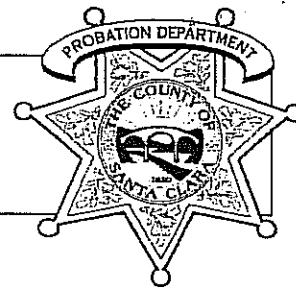
Juvenile Rehabilitation Facilities: Three minimum-security residential facilities provide treatment and educational services to both male and female offenders. Youth are Court ordered to complete a 120 to 150 day program. Educational, vocational, medical, mental health, and aftercare services are provided based on individual assessment and case management needs. Services available include:

ANGER MANAGEMENT: The Ranch staff facilitate a six-hour course focusing on the following topics: personal power, goal setting, anger signals, hot buttons, self-talk, and cooling off. Participants devise a plan for how they will apply the anger management skills in a situation they encounter frequently in their lives. All youth are referred to attend this class.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT: The Pathway Society, Inc. provides this program. The Pathways counselor provides one hour of individual and two hours of group counseling on a weekly basis. The program focuses on helping the youth to realize the seriousness of their drug and/or alcohol usage. The counselor helps the youth to look at the impact of drug/alcohol usage and its affect on school, friends, employment, and family. Also discussed are the consequences of continued usage, for example health concerns, continued violation of probation, stealing to support the habit, etc. Lastly, resources and techniques for staying clean and sober are emphasized. There are two counselors and each have a caseload of twenty youth.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION: The Friends Outside provides this program. This is a sixteen hour course focusing on the following topics; defining domestic violence, describing the effects of domestic violence, identifying skills necessary for healthy relationships, identifying abusive relationships, how to get help, and domestic violence and the law. All youth are referred to attend this class.

GATEWAY- HERO PROGRAM: Selected youth receive the opportunity to assist physically challenged and disabled clients at Gateway, Santa Clara County School for the disabled.



Juvenile Rehabilitation Services (cont.)

GANG AWARENESS: This program focuses on male gang intervention. The goal is to assist young men in disassociating themselves from the gang culture and prevent further involvement. The program focuses on identifying common reasons given for gang membership and stating and evaluating consequences of gang membership and/or involvement. The youth receive information as to how these consequences relate to them personally as well as to their family and the community. They also learn conflict resolution skills that can help solve a difficult situation by communicating feelings without blame and negotiating strategies to reach a compromise. Other issues discussed are methods of improving one's sense of self, substance abuse awareness and decision making skills to help them understand that the choices they make can have life altering consequences. This program is eight weeks in length and is sixteen hours long. The Friends Outside organization provides this program. There are 10 youth in each course and the class is provided year-round.

HEALTH REALIZATION: The Department of Alcohol and Drug Services provides this program. The logic of Health Realization is based on a certainty of the innate health and well being inherent in every human being which can never be destroyed by circumstances, experiences, or behavior and is accessible at any moment throughout life. The focus of the course is on health rather than dysfunction or disease. This program is open to all youth.

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM: A Mental Health therapist is on Ranch full-time providing treatment and care for minors referred by the Court and/or their Probation Counselor. They provide individual, family, and group counseling. They also assist in making appropriate referrals for the Aftercare Program. This service is open to all minors.

RELIGIOUS COUNSELING: The Department Chaplain offers religious counseling to the minors. The Chaplain organizes Church Services and Bible Studies for the youth to be held once a week for two hours. Individual and group religious guidance Counselors visits the minors regularly. This service is available to all minors.



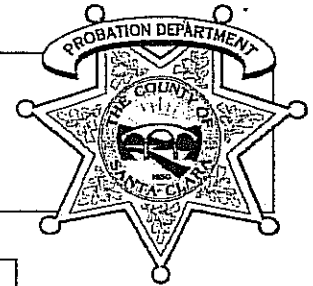
Juvenile Rehabilitation Services (cont.)

SEXUAL OFFENDER COUNSELING: Gardner Family Care Corporation provides this program. The Gardner counselor provides one hour of individual and two hours of group counseling on a weekly basis. The program focuses on educating the development of non-deviant sexual behaviors, confronting the minor on his denial in regard to sexually abusive behavior, promote victim empathy, enhance social and interpersonal skills, and teach the youth to recognize the internal and external antecedents to sexual offending behavior.

SPORTS: The Harold Holden Ranch is apart of the Central Coast Ranch Athletics League. The four sports that are played are Basketball, Volleyball, and Softball. The focus of this program is to learn how to be a team player and to learn leadership skills. This program is open to all youth.

VICTIM AWARENESS: Victim Awareness Workshops include and introduction model with three additional crimes. Victim speakers tell their stories and answer questions along with group and individual exercises all with an emphasis on the impact of crime upon victims (emotional, physical, financial, and long-term impacts). One goal of the program is to assist in the development of empathy towards victims and in youth accountability. Most facilitators have completed a minimum of 32 hours of The California Youth Authority (CYA) and Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) training for trainers. This program is provided in four sessions, for two hours a week, totaling eight hours.

WORK EXPERIENCE: The three Ranch Facilities currently participate in Off-Ranch work-crews with the Santa Clara County Water District and the Santa Clara County Parks. Work-crews are sent out Monday through Friday. These programs allow the youth to develop work etiquette, and experience working outside in the community in a real work environment.



Juvenile Rehabilitation Services (cont.)

AACI ASIAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: The program focuses on helping youth to realize how the impact of his drug/alcohol usage affects school, friends, employment, and family. Also discussed are the consequences of continued usage, for example health concerns, continued violation of probation, stealing to support the habit, etc. There is one two-hour group held once per week and each minor receives individual counseling ever-other week. Probation Counselors refer youth to the program.

ENTERPRISE PROGRAM: The Enterprise Program currently offers four Vocational Programs that the youth can sign up for and participate in. They are Welding, Construction Technology, Auto Mechanics and eventually The Home Cabling Program.

STRAIGHT LIFE PROGRAM: This program is a field trip to an adult correctional facility. The general purpose of the U-Turn program is to: 1) Reduce juvenile crime; 2) Assist concerned community agencies that work directly with juvenile offenders in their efforts to free them from their misconceptions about crime and its consequences; 3) Create an opportunity for inmates to utilize their prison and/or life experiences in a positive way. The field trips are designated to develop a certain amount of adult inmate-youth interactions in which youth can confront problems and experiences that they might find difficult to discuss with their parents or other adults, without loss of face or fear of censorship. The field trips occur once a month and are open to any youth interested in participating.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: AA is conducted once a week for one hour. The twelve-step concept of recovery is used in the AA meetings. The issues of dependency and abuse are explored and the process of breaking through the denial is begun.



Juvenile Rehabilitation Services (cont.)

GIRL SCOUTS: An ongoing program offered to female youth one and a half-hours weekly to aid in the development and enhancement of self-image, learning teamwork, offering leadership skills, and anger management skills.

SEXUAL ABUSE TREATMENT: Gardner Family Care Corporation provides this service. Girls who have been identified as victims of sexual abuse receive both one hour of individual and one and a half-hours of group counseling during their stay at the Muriel Wright Center. The objectives for individual treatment are to engage the youth in the therapeutic process to build a supportive and positive experience. Counselors help to educate identified youth on the effects of sexual abuse on their self-esteem, interpersonal relationships and day to day functioning. The counselor begins to confront the self-blame and decrease the social isolation associated with sexual abuse trauma. The four major group counseling goals are 1) Increase the awareness of how their sexual abuse history effects current functioning, 2) Decrease the shame and self-blame regarding the abuse with the support of others who have been through similar experiences, 3) Develop positive communication and coping skills to deal with substance abuse issues.

TATTOO REMOVAL PROGRAM: Dr. Bruce Saal out of Los Gatos provides this program. The youth must have their Probation Counselor's recommendation to be in this program. The youth fills out an application, which allows them to explain why getting their gang related tattoos removed are important. If accepted the fee \$75 per session with three to five sessions usually needed. The doctor removes visible gang related tattoos from hands, the face, front of neck, etc.



Juvenile Rehabilitation Services (Cont.)

COMMUNITY BASED AFTERCARE: A collaborative program for youth who have graduated from a juvenile rehabilitation facility or from the Juvenile Hall commitment program and are transitioning back to the community. Services include community support, family reunification, substance abuse services, mental health services, and educational services.

RANCH ORIENTATION PROGRAM: Provides services for youth who are Court ordered to the juvenile rehabilitation facility for the first time. Includes victim awareness and anger management training and orientation.

RANCH ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM: Provides services for youth who are Court ordered to the juvenile rehabilitation facility following a previous escape or failure. Services include victim awareness and anger management training, gang intervention services, substance abuse evaluation and treatment, and risk/need assessment through a multi-disciplinary team approach.