

Sevier County Juvenile Facility

Mission Statement

It is our mission to safely and securely hold juveniles for detention or adjudication for the Sevier County Juvenile Court. The staff of the Juvenile Facility will sustain an environment free of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The facility shall be an integral part of the Juvenile System by providing counseling, education and security necessary to promote a positive behavioral change for the juvenile during rehabilitation at the facility.

The Facility operates under the direction of the Sevier County Commission and the Supervision of the County Executive. The facility will strive to meet all state standards for certification, utilizing all available resources to assist Sevier County citizens, law enforcement, and our Juvenile Court with placement, programs and proficiency for the benefit and betterment of our juveniles in Sevier County.

Goals and Objectives

It is our goal to provide the safest environment and securest facility possible. We will offer the best programs available to help redirect our juveniles in a positive direction. We will be proactive in our duties. Our objective is for our juveniles to leave with a better outlook on life, strive to be more successful and resist drugs and alcohol.

I. Location of the Facility

1. The facility is located at 157 W. Main St., Sevierville, TN 37862. Off Lera Court next to the Sevier Co. Jail.
2. The facility opened at this location on April 1st, 2002.

II. Facility size and make-up

1. The building is 10,000 sq ft.
2. The construction cost was \$1.6 Million.
3. The capacity is 26 beds w/ the option to expand to 34 beds.
4. The facility is staffed with 17 employees.
5. Both male and female juveniles are held at this facility.
6. Actual cost per inmate is \$218 per day.

III. Intake

1. Approximately 45 are booked at the facility monthly.
2. The facility has conducted over 11,000 intakes since opening.
3. The facility holds juveniles from 11 thru 18.
4. The average length of stay is 4 days.
5. When the juvenile first arrives at the facility, they are searched for contraband, booked in to our system, showered, dressed out in an Orange

jump suit, and photographed. Then the juvenile is placed in a holding cell for 6 hours for observation, classification, assessment and screening.

IV. Medical

1. Our Medical staff includes Registered Nurse and an on call Physician who makes weekly visits.
2. The Leconte Medical Center or local Medical Clinics are used for emergencies or other medical services that the juveniles may need.

V. Programs

1. The facility has a vast array of programs that include; Education, Religious Services, Recreation, Life Skills Classes and Intervention by providing counseling, touring, and awareness presentations.
2. The Sevier County School Board staffs the Educational Program which allows the juvenile continued education during confinement.
3. The church services are held on Sundays and Wednesday nights, the ministers also are available upon the detainee's request through out the week.

V. Living Areas

1. The facility has three population units:
 - a. Male Dayroom- Misdemeanor Offenses
 - b. Female Dayroom – Felony & Misdemeanor Offenses
 - c. Maximum Dayroom – Felony Offenses

VI. Food Services

1. The Sevier County Jail prepares all meals for the detainees - three meals per day with an evening snack.

VII. Contract Services

1. The Sevier County Juvenile Facility contracts services to other counties & state agencies such as Anderson County, Jefferson County, Cocke County, Hamblen County, & East Tennessee Children's Services. The contracts are based on availability and the daily contract rate is \$125.00 per day.

VIII. Staff

1. The Juvenile Correctional Officers at the Sevier County Juvenile Facility are initially trained with 120 hours of basic skills. The skills include Juvenile Justice, First Aid, CPR, Crisis Intervention, & other aspects of emergency responses. The training continues annually with 40 hours of advanced skills and online training for specialty skills.