

TITLE 83 - JAIL STANDARDS BOARD - STANDARDS FOR JUVENILE
DETENTION FACILITIES

CHAPTER 16 - PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

001 Written Policies and Procedures. The facility shall have written policies and procedures which provide that programs and services be available to juveniles to include, at a minimum, counseling, religious services, exercise and passive recreational activities, library services, and educational programs.

002 Program Coordinator. The facility administrator shall designate at least one facility employee to be responsible for assessing the general needs of juveniles, coordinating the delivery of services and programs to juveniles, and developing local resources.

003 Use of Community Resources. The facility shall have a plan for juvenile services and programs which provides for the identification and use of available community resources. The plan shall also encourage citizen involvement and use of volunteers.

004 Staff Familiarity With Programs. All facility employees shall be familiar with services and programs available to juveniles.

005 Counseling Services. The facility should provide, or make available through arrangements with community agencies, a range of counseling and crisis intervention services appropriate to the needs of juveniles. Such services should be available in the following areas: substance abuse, mental health, religion, education, anger control, survival skills/independent living skills, health and welfare, sexual abuse, and family problems.

006 Educational Programs. Educational opportunities shall be available to all juveniles except where there is substantial justification for restricting a juvenile's participation.

006.01 The educational program shall be available a minimum of three hours per day during the days the local school district holds classes. The exercise and recreation program shall not be considered in determining the three-hour minimum required for the educational program.

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006.02 Educational programs shall be designed to assist juveniles in keeping up with their studies, and shall include contact and coordination with their home schools.

006.03 Educational programs shall include provisions for remedial and may include special education services for those juveniles in need of such services.

006.04 Educational programs shall include provisions for juveniles not otherwise enrolled in school to work on preparing for a GED or to work in credit courses/classes recognized by the Nebraska Dept. of Education or local public school district.

006.05 Educational programs should include life skills courses and vocational training activities designed to improve juveniles' employment and independent living capabilities.

006.06 The educational program shall be supported by sufficient equipment and educational materials that meet state education standards. Adequate program room/space shall be made available during school hours.

006.07 Juveniles may participate in educational release programs as authorized by the court having jurisdiction.

006.08 The facility shall utilize certified teachers and curriculum in the delivery of educational services to juveniles. Copies of current credentials for each teacher shall be kept on file at the facility or by the contracting entity.

006.09 An adequate number of educational personnel shall be available to provide identified educational programming. Paid educational personnel may include, but not limited to, teachers, para-professionals and tutors. Volunteers are also encouraged to be utilized.

006.10 Juveniles should be counseled regarding the importance of education, continuing their school attendance or re-enrolling in school upon discharge.

006.11 Arrangements may be made for youth to enroll in higher education courses if the youth will be in the facility long enough to benefit from such.

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007 Religious Programs. Every juvenile, upon his or her request, shall be allowed to practice the religion of his or her own choice and shall have access to clergy, publications, and religious symbols, subject to those limitations necessary to maintain facility safety, security and order.

008 Religious Program Coordinator. The facility shall designate a chaplain or facility employee to assist with identification of juveniles' religious needs and to coordinate facility religious programs.

009 Exercise and Recreation. The facility shall provide a recreational program which includes both active exercise and leisure time activities.

009.01 The facility shall have an established exercise schedule with sufficient hours set aside weekly to ensure that juveniles have access to at least one (1) hour of active physical exercise and at least one (1) hour of structured leisure-time activities per day. Facility shall maintain written documentation of when physical exercise and structured leisure-time activities are provided. When weather permits, exercise should be provided outdoors in a secure exercise area.

009.02 Sufficient space in the facility shall be designated for exercise. It shall be in a secure area that is sufficient in size to allow the maximum number of users at any one time to participate in exercise activities and shall be appropriate for the types of exercise offered.

009.03 Equipment shall be provided in sufficient amounts to ensure that all juveniles have the opportunity to participate in exercise activities during their designated exercise period.

009.04 Provisions shall be made for passive recreational activities such as table games, arts and crafts, radio, and television in order to relieve idleness and boredom.

010 Library Services. Library services shall be available to all detained juveniles.

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010.01 Library materials shall include materials responsive to the educational, informational, and recreational needs of juveniles and shall include a reasonable selection of fiction, non-fiction, educational and reference materials, as well as current magazines and newspapers.

010.02 Library services shall be available to juveniles at least five (5) days per week.

010.03 Library materials do not have to be physically located within the facility if sufficient services can be provided through an arrangement with a community library or similar resources such as regularly scheduled visits of a book-mobile.

011 Work Assignments. The facility may have a work assignment plan for facility housekeeping and maintenance designed to relieve idleness and promote constructive behavior.

011.01 Written policy and procedure shall prohibit discrimination in work assignments based on sex, race, religion, or national origin.

011.02 Work assignments shall not conflict with educational programs.

011.03 Juveniles shall not be permitted to perform any work prohibited by state or federal regulations and statutes pertaining to child labor.

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