



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 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 Mayor. The facility will strive to meet all state standards for certification, including a zero tolerance standard for all forms of sexual abuse/assault/misconduct and harassment within the facility and 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., 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 50 are booked at the facility monthly.
2. The facility has conducted over 12,000 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. The juvenile is then placed in the holding cell for 6 hours for observation, 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 Sevier County 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, Art Therapy, 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 Sunday afternoons and Wednesday nights. Ministers also are available upon the detainee's request throughout the week.

VI. Living Areas

The facility has three population units:

- a. Male Dayroom- Misdemeanor Offenses
- b. Female Dayroom- Felony & Misdemeanor Offenses
- c. Maximum Dayroom – Felony Offenses

VII. Food Services

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

VIII. Contract Services

The Sevier County Juvenile Facility contracts services to other counties & state agencies such as Anderson Co., Jefferson Co., Cocke Co., Greene Co., Hamblen Co., Cumberland Co., McMinn Co., Montgomery Co., Robertson Co., & The Department of Children's Services.

The contracts are based on Availability and the daily contract rate is \$140.00 per day. The Sevier County Juvenile Court average cost per month was \$30,000 to Knox County Detention before this facility was built. Today that cost would average \$45,000 per month.

IX. Staff

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, sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting & other aspects of emergency responses. The training continues annually with 40 hours of advanced skills and online training for specialty skills.

Supervision and Monitoring. PREA 115.313

SCJF is equipped with 26 camera monitoring and recording systems. There is a camera in each unit. In addition we have camera monitoring in the Rec yard, Classroom, Lobby, outside Perimeter and Hallways, Nurse Station, Visitation, 2 observation cells.

1. Generally accepted juvenile detention practices: SCJF operates under the direction of the Sevier County Commission and the Supervision of the County Mayor.
2. Any judicial findings of inadequacy: SCJF has not had any judicial findings of inadequacy.
3. Any findings of inadequacy from Federal investigative agencies: SCJF has not had any Federal investigative findings of inadequacy.
4. Any findings of inadequacy from internal or external oversight bodies: SCJF has not had any findings of inadequacy by internal or external oversight bodies.
5. All components of the facility's physical plant (including ··blind spots "or areas where staff or inmates may be isolated):
6. The composition of the inmate population: SCJF is a secure facility that can hold up to 26 juvenile offenders. SCJF provides for the care and supervision of all detainees committed.
7. The number and placement of supervisory staff:
 - 1 Director
 - 1 Lieutenant/PREA Coordinator
 - 4 Sergeants
 - 1 Administrative Officer
 - 1 Nurse
 - 3 Counselors
 - 2 Teachers
 - 8 Officers
 - 3 Volunteers
8. Institution Programs occurring on a particular shift: See section V
9. Any applicable State or local laws, regulations, or standards: There are no applicable State or local laws, regulations or standards that apply to staffing within the facility. Policy identifies a need for a 1:8 during waking hours and 1:16 during sleeping hours staff to detainee ratio.
10. The prevalence of substantiated and unsubstantiated incidents of sexual abuse: Upon SCJF opening on 4/1/2002; We had 0 substantiated incidents of sexual abuse. As mandated reporters we have a strong culture of reporting all allegations and following the PREA guidelines to safety plan with detainees making the allegation and alleged perpetrator to reduce the likelihood of further incidents. We also deal with detainees that have committed sexual offenses and therefore have a system in place to increase awareness of detainees with the potential of exhibiting sexual aggressive behaviors, as well as, those detainees who may be vulnerable to victimization. We have increased training of staff to be more diligent in supervising all detainees.
11. Any other relevant factors: Grievances may be completed by detainees for any reason upon request.

