

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

DETENTION VISITATION POLICY

Visitation Hours

The initial visit between detained youth and their parent/guardian, and professional persons providing services to detained youth, may take place at any time.

In the event that parents or other authorized individuals are unable to visit during regularly scheduled times, special arrangements may be requested. Parents and/or legal guardians may call during visitation times if they are unable to visit during those scheduled times. A detained youth may not receive a call and visit from the same person on the same day.

WEEKDAYS: 8 - 9 p.m.

WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Authorized Visitors

- A. Parents, step-parents, foster parents, legal guardians, and grandparents.
- B. Brothers and sisters of the detained youth who are under the age of ten or over the age of 21 may visit with a person listed above under A.
- C. Other relatives or non-related persons who have received approval to visit from the Director or designee of the Youth Services Center
- D. Professional persons providing services to detained youth who have received approval to visit from the Director or designee of the Youth Services Center.

Visitor Sign In

EVERY VISITOR SHALL SIGN IN ON ARRIVAL. If a visitor is unable to sign in, another visitor or staff member shall sign in for that visitor.

Proof of Identification

ALL ADULT VISITORS MUST HAVE CURRENT, VALID IDENTIFICATION WITH THEM EACH AND EVERY TIME THEY COME FOR VISITATION.

Search of Visitors and/or Belongings

The Youth Services Center encourages visitors to not bring personal items into the Center. Staff members may search visitors and their belongings. Staff members may ask visitors to leave personal items in their automobile or at Control.

Reasons for Refusing, Delaying, or Ending a Visit

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- B. A detained youth or visitor(s) may end a visit at any time.
- C. The Youth Services Center may delay, cancel, or end a visit for safety or security reasons. These reasons will be given to the visitor and the youth.
- D. No person who appears to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs will be allowed to visit.
- E. A visit may be stopped and the visitor(s) directed to leave the Youth Services Center if:
 1. The visitor(s) or the detained youth being visited behave in a way that is seen by the Intake Officer/Shift Supervisor as being a risk to the security of the Center or the safety of the youths detained.
 2. The behavior of any minor child or other visitor, or the behavior of the detained youth, is seen by the Intake Officer/ Shift Supervisor to be disruptive to other visitors and/or detained youth.

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