



Video games are available during recreation time at Fairbanks Youth Facility.

Contacts

- Superintendent: 907-451-2792
- Treatment Unit Supervisor: 907-451-2199
- Treatment Staff Station: 907-451-3075
- Detention Unit Supervisor: 907-451-3064
- Detention Staff Station: 907-451-3070
- Nursing: 907-451-2115

What to Expect During Visiting

All visitors entering the Detention Unit are subject to search by a metal detector. This is to ensure the safety and security of all our residents.

Please bring your state-issued photo I.D. with you when visiting.

We ask that you do not bring any other personal items with you. Please leave your purse, cell phone, or any other personal items in your car or in the lockers provided.

How Do I Visit?

APPROVED VISITORS

All potential visitors must be approved prior to visiting the facility. A resident's visitation list typically consists of family members, clergy, and supportive individuals that have been screened and approved by the youth's probation officer and the unit supervisor. All underage siblings also require approval and must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Each resident of FYF has a list of approved visitors. Only those individuals on this list may visit. If you are unsure if you are approved or have not visited before, call 907-451-2150 to speak with a staff member.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

You may not bring these items inside our facility. They can cause safety and security issues, and they can potentially harm a youth's stay in detention or treatment. Please ask Staff if you have any questions.

- Weapons or potential weapons
- Cell phones and mp3 players
- Recording devices (including smart watches)
- Cameras
- Laptops, flash drives, or anything that connects to the Internet
- Gum, tobacco, marijuana, and vaping products
- Prescription drugs, unless they are life-sustaining
- Illegal drugs or paraphernalia
- Alcohol
- Money*
- Food or drinks*
*unless preapproved

VISITATION DAYS & HOURS

- Wednesdays and Sundays: 7 pm – 8 pm

If these times do not work, call ahead to request an alternative visit or to notify us if any special accommodations are needed.



Fairbanks Youth Facility

Treatment Unit

1502 Wilbur Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701

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Our mission

To hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior, promote the safety and restoration of victims and communities, and assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime.

History

The Fairbanks Youth Facility (FYF) is the second largest of Alaska's juvenile correctional facilities and is operated by Alaska's Division of Juvenile Justice. FYF is a 20 bed secure facility with detention and treatment units located in Fairbanks, Alaska. FYF's treatment unit is dedicated to supporting adjudicated youth who have been classified to FYF through rehabilitation, structure, and care. FYF's detention unit houses youthful offenders awaiting court hearings or placement in treatment programs.

FYF is committed to helping youth build resilience, take accountability, and develop the skills needed to make positive choices for their future. All youth placed at FYF are provided with 24/7 supervision by trained staff in a trauma-informed environment. Residents participate in structured programs such as anger management, substance abuse education, and physical fitness, while also receiving access to education, healthcare, and mental health services.



The exterior of Fairbanks Youth Facility.

Safety and Security

At FYF, resident safety and security are our top priorities. Residents are encouraged to report any unsafe situations to staff, who will handle concerns with respect and confidentiality. Residents must treat others with respect, and any threatening or violent behavior is prohibited. If issues are not resolved through regular communication, residents can use the formal grievance process.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

The Division of Juvenile Justice follows the Federal PREA policy, which has a zero tolerance policy on any sexual contact or sexually inappropriate comments toward anyone being held in custody. FYF works with other state facilities to prevent sexual harassment and assault in juvenile centers. Reporting abuse takes courage, especially when it feels risky. To report abuse or if you experience any kind of retaliation because you reported a crime call 877-765-2212.

Grievance Policy

Residents or family members who feel they have a complaint that they want addressed can file a grievance several ways:

- Verbally express concerns to a Unit Supervisor
- Request and submit a Grievance Form to staff
- Contact the Office of the Ombudsman

The Office of the Ombudsman (800-478-2564) investigates complaints against State Government agencies and employees.

Community Involvement

FYF partners with the Fairbanks School District and the Community and Technical College at University of Alaska-Fairbanks. These partnerships have allowed FYF to provide classes in culinary arts, small-engine repair, First Aid/CPR, and the Construction Academy. Residents continue to work toward educational achievement before release, either in the form of a high school diploma or a general equivalency degree.

There has been a concerted and continued focus on community partnerships over the past 15 years. Volunteer organizations have allowed FYF to expand its network of resources to prepare residents for success after release. These organizations include 4H, Fairbanks Food Bank, Big Brother Big Sisters, Tanana Chiefs Conference, the Workforce Initiative and Opportunity Act program, and others.

During the summer, the facility staff coordinates a garden project with crops cultivated and harvested by Treatment Unit residents and staff. The facility's culinary arts program uses food from the garden and donates unused produce to the Fairbanks Food Bank and Stone Soup. This project is only possible with the assistance of 4H. The Treatment Program also strives to teach youth how to live an active and healthy lifestyle. Facility staff recently developed an incentive program to engage kids in the Presidential Physical Fitness program.