

Navy Band Northwest, based out of Silverdale, Wash., performed in Juneau for JYC residents.



## What to Expect During Visiting

All visitors entering the Detention Unit are subject to search by 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 on the Detention Unit. Please leave your purse, cell phone, or any other personal items in your car or in the lockers provided.

A resident may have up to four guests at a time. Visitors and their children are expected to behave in an orderly and respectful manner. Should visiting become unruly, the visitation can be terminated.

## Special Visits

If you are a family member visiting from out of town, we would be glad to arrange visiting for you. Please call and inform us at 907-523-6835 when you will be in town, and we will schedule a visiting time.

If you would like to share a meal on a special visit or a special occasion such as a birthday, please let us know in advance and arrangements can be made for you to order food for delivery.

## How Do I Visit?

### APPROVED VISITORS

Authorized visitors include a resident's parents, guardian, and siblings. Attorneys, clergy, government officials, and media representatives may be approved for visitation on a case-by-case basis. Visitors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and be approved prior to visitation.

### UNAPPROVED VISITORS

The following individuals may not visit residents of the Johnson Youth Center:

- Any individual who has been released from JYC in the last 60 days.
- Any visitors who have been found in violation of visitation guidelines.
- Persons on felony probation without the permission of both the Superintendent and their Probation Officers.
- Persons suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

You may not bring these items inside our facility. Please ask Staff if you have any questions.

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

### VISITATION DAYS & HOURS

Mondays & Wednesdays : 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Should these times not work for you, please contact the Detention Unit to discuss alternate options.



# Johnson Youth Center Detention Unit

3252 Hospital Drive  
Juneau, AK 99801

907-523-6835

# 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.

## About

The Detention Unit at Johnson Youth Center (JYC) was built in the 1960s and was long insufficient to meet the security and programming needs of modern juvenile justice practices. Alaska Legislature approved funding for a new Detention Unit and construction began in 2010. The Unit was finished in February of 2013 and opened its doors for use in March. The construction also included a renovation of the Juvenile Probation offices. The Detention Unit allows more direct supervision of youth while providing an environment conducive to programming.

During treatment, we work with residents on their individual treatment needs while maintaining the focus of the Division of Juvenile Justice's mission. Trained staff administer various assessments and screenings which outline what the youth need to lead a successful and crime-free life.



Detention residents develop team-building skills.

## Strength-Based Program, Trauma-Informed Care

Our goal is to motivate change by helping residents find positive, effective, and reasonable solutions that are available to them. In order to accomplish this, residents will work to identify their strengths and the strengths of their families. Consistent visiting or contact with family helps foster these important, supportive relationships.

We recognize the importance of residents receiving visits from members of their family while here in our facility, and we strongly encourage family members to visit. Telephone contact with family is also strongly encouraged. Residents are allowed 10 phone calls per week to/from approved family members.

## Alaska Ombudsman

The Alaska State Ombudsman investigates citizen complaints about administrative acts of state agencies and determines appropriate remedies. [A.S. 24.55](#)

### Phone Numbers:

In Anchorage: 907-269-5290

In Juneau: 907-465-4970

Elsewhere in Alaska: 800-478-2624

Out of State: 907-269-5290

### Mailing Address:

Alaska State Ombudsman

1500 West Benson Boulevard

Anchorage, AK 99503

## Our Program

The Detention Unit combines direct supervision of youth with a conducive programming environment, suited to youth detained for criminal charges or probation violations. JYC Staff operates on a strengths-based approach, leveraging the abilities of the youth to help them navigate their challenges. Staff establish strong relationships with youth, and deliver skills in areas such as anger management, drug and alcohol education, and life skills. Additionally, JYC collaborates with the Juneau School District to provide ongoing education and credit recovery opportunities for all youth.

The primary purpose of the facility is to create a safe, secure, and therapeutic environment for all. JYC implements the Trauma Informed Effective Reinforcement System (TIERS), a gender-responsive and trauma-informed research-based model. The TIER System incorporates innovative practices, including effective behavior management systems that reinforce positive and safe behaviors through relational and strengths-based approaches.



Detention residents continue education in the classroom.