

Department of Family and Community Services

DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility

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THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

Date:

Re: Parent/Guardian Letter

Your child _____ has been detained at the Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility. The Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility is located at 405 Marathon Rd., Kenai, AK 99611.

Regular visiting hours at the facility are on Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. To set up a special visit, you must call 907-335-3102 and coordinate the specific time and day with the Unit Supervisor.

Identification is required for visitation. Visiting is limited to three members of your child's immediate family, and parents must accompany siblings. The Unit Supervisor or the Staff Duty Officer must approve any deviation from this list. Residents are provided with all necessities. Any extra items visitors wish to bring in must be pre-approved by the Unit Supervisor. If it is necessary, you may provide them with a pair of shoes with approval from their primary counselor or a supervisor. For special occasions, arrangements must be made with the Unit Supervisor for birthday or holiday gifts.

Pets are not allowed to be left in parked cars or brought on the facility grounds, except in special circumstances and with the permission of the Superintendent or his designee. The Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage of private property.

Correspondence is unlimited. Your child may write to you and vice versa as frequently as you wish. Any correspondence needs to go through the US Postal Service. Mail from correctional facilities will not be accepted unless approved by the Superintendent.

Your child has been given the opportunity to make an initial phone call upon admittance to the Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility. Following the initial phone call, they may have up to seven out-going calls per week and unlimited in-coming calls, if it doesn't interfere with the daily unit routine. Only members of your child's immediate family, their attorney and probation officer will be allowed phone contact. All personal calls are limited to ten minutes. No personal calls will be made or received during school hours (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) or after 8:30 p.m. Phone calls to or from their Attorney or Probation officer are not subject to these limitations.

If you wish to contact your child at the Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility, you may do so by calling 907-335-3102 or 1-844-335-3100.

Sincerely,

Mesepa Fa'avae
Juvenile Justice Unit Supervisor

Juvenile Rights While at KPYF

All juveniles, no matter the level status or program status will receive the following basic rights. No juvenile shall be denied their basic right except, those who are justifiably related to safety and security and, that are not otherwise deliverable through an alternate means.

- No discrimination due to race, gender, color, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.
- Fair and equal treatment.
- A court arraignment within 48 hours of admission.
- Ability to post bail for some District Court cases (typically Traffic or Fish & Game).
- Orientation to the facility rules and program within a reasonable time, which is usually within 24 hours.
- No abuse, harassment, humiliation, interference with sleeping, eating or use of the bathroom.
- Right to medical and mental health care.
- Right to due process and a grievance process.
- Appropriate discipline.
- Family involved in their care.
- Visits with parents, guardians, siblings, attorney and minister. Resident will not be forced to visit with anyone absent a court order.
- Right to contact their attorney (via fax).
- Right to send and receive mail.
- One soft-cover religious textbook.
- School education.
- An opportunity to have at least 3.5 hours of outdoor (or indoor, depending on weather) exercise per week.
- One hour each day of structured leisure time outside of their room.
- Meals.
- Hygiene.
- Safe and decent living conditions.
- Right to remain silent if criminal offense(s) is filed or may be filed against them.

If a juvenile feels their rights have been violated while at KPYF, they may follow the grievance procedure outlined in the Guide to Success handbook.

PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS

- Our facility is committed to following the federal law known as the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). In March of 2015, we became the first facility in the state to pass a PREA audit and become PREA certified. If you are aware of any abuse, or potential abuse, at this facility, please notify us immediately so we can take steps to protect our youth.
- We are committed to reducing isolation and room confinement at this facility. Our strength-based approach to working with youth is designed to help youth deal effectively with major and minor problems and keep them moving forward in the program.