

# VCOY Detention Survey

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey for the Virginia Commission on Youth's (VCOY's) "Evaluating the Effectiveness and Efficiency of Virginia's Juvenile Detention Centers" study. We appreciate your input!

The questions relate to the following topics (which are in separate sections): facility information, youth's proximity to home, programming, facility design and space, transportation and potential impact on sheriffs and other professionals, community involvement/continuity of services, the detention center's role as a provider of last resort, and operational capacity.

If you would prefer to answer these questions in a phone call, please contact Policy Analyst Elizabeth Spinney ([ESpinney@vcoy.virginia.gov](mailto:ESpinney@vcoy.virginia.gov)). Also, if any of the questions do not apply to you, please enter "N/A."

\* Required

## Facility Information

Name of person completing survey\* \_\_\_\_\_

Position\*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Director       | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Director       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Superintendent | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Superintendent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other          |   |

Facility\*

- |                                       |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Ridge   | <input type="checkbox"/> Loudon            | <input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chesapeake   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lynchburg         | <input type="checkbox"/> Prince William    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chesterfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Merrimac          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rappahannock      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crater       | <input type="checkbox"/> New River Valley  | <input type="checkbox"/> Richmond          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairfax      | <input type="checkbox"/> Newport News      | <input type="checkbox"/> Roanoke Valley    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Henrico      | <input type="checkbox"/> Norfolk           | <input type="checkbox"/> Shenandoah Valley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highlands    | <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Virginia | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Beach    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> James River  | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwestern      | <input type="checkbox"/> W.W. Moore        |
|                                       |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other             |

In what year was the facility built?\* \_\_\_\_\_

When was the last major renovation (in other words, a renovation that substantially changed the facility's building, programming, or capacity)?\* \_\_\_\_\_

What are the current deferred maintenance and improvement needs?\* \_\_\_\_\_

## Youth's Proximity to Home

What is your family visitation policy?\* \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of remote-visiting capacity do you have for families? Please check all that apply.

- |  |                                     |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom            | <input type="checkbox"/> TeamViewer | <input type="checkbox"/> Google Hangouts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams | <input type="checkbox"/> Skype      | <input type="checkbox"/> Google Meet     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone calls     | <input type="checkbox"/> AnyMeeting | <input type="checkbox"/> None            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GoToMeeting     | <input type="checkbox"/> Webex      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:          |

Do youth whose families live closer to the facility get more family visits than youth with families who live farther away?\*

- Yes, it seems like youth whose families live closer ALMOST ALWAYS have more in-person family visits than youth who live farther away.
- Yes, it seems like youth whose families live closer USUALLY have more in-person family visits than youth who live farther away.
- Not necessarily. I don't think there is much of a difference.
- No, it seems like youth whose families live farther away ALMOST ALWAYS have more in-person family visits than youth who live closer.
- No, it seems like youth whose families live farther away PROBABLY have more in-person family visits than youth who live closer.
- Unsure.
- Other:

Would you like to share anything else about family engagement? \_\_\_\_\_

## Programming

What non-treatment (i.e., general) programming is available for youth in your program? Please check all that apply.\*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and crafts                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative writing, journaling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational skill building                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Life skills                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise and athletics                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious programming                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama, performance, dancing, singing, music |   |

What TREATMENT programming is used for youth with a disposition (Post-D with services, CPP, etc.)? Check all that apply. Please enter "N/A" if you do not serve this population.\*

- Moral Reconation Therapy® (MRT)
- Aggression Replacement Training® (ART)
- Substance abuse treatment (specifically for youth with substance use problems)
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)
- Individual counseling
- N/A
- Other:

What is the purpose of your non-treatment, general programming? Please check all that apply.\*

- Providing for a release of emotional tension.
- Creating a constructive outlet for physical energy.
- Teaching fundamentals of recreational and other activities.
- Giving the youth self-confidence in healthy pursuits.
- Teaching fair play, rule following, and teamwork.
- Providing a socially acceptable outlet for hostility.
- Increasing self-understanding.
- Developing new interests and skills to be maintained after release.
- Keeping the youth busy by providing a structure for the day.
- Developing good health habits and a healthy physique.
- Decreasing resistance to positive adults and adult standards and expectations.
- Permitting observation of the youth's behavior, which aids in social diagnosis
- Other:

### Facility Design and Space

How are the different types of youth separated (pre-D, post-D with services, post-D without services, CPP, etc.)? Please enter "N/A" if you do not serve the post-D or CPP population.\*

When do these different population types share space (pre-D, post-D, CPP, etc.)?\*

Do the same staff members work directly with more than one of the following populations?: Pre-D and Post-D\*

- Never.
- Occasionally (e.g., when regularly assigned staff are on leave).
- Sometimes (one or two times per week).
- Mostly.

- Always.
- Other:

Do the same staff members work directly with more than one of the following populations?: Detention (Pre-D, Post-D) and Care population?\*

- Occasionally (e.g., when regularly assigned staff are on leave).
- Sometimes (one or two times per week).
- Mostly.
- Always.
- N/A: We do not serve youth in the Care population (e.g., CPP).
- Other:

Do you feel you have enough separate living spaces? How many would be ideal?\*

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Would you like to share anything else about your facility's design or space? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Transportation: Potential Impact on Sheriffs and Other Professionals

What is your facility's arrangement with the sheriff's deputies?\*

Who is responsible for transport following arrest?\*

- Police
- Detention staff
- Sheriff
- Other:

Who is responsible for transport to and from court?\*

- Police
- Detention staff
- Sheriff
- Other:

Who is responsible for transport to and from other community-based services (i.e., school, dental, medical)?\*

- Police
- Detention staff
- Sheriff
- Other:

What kind of remote visiting capacity do you have for professionals (e.g., attorneys, judges, therapists)? Please check all that apply.\*

- |  |                                     |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom            | <input type="checkbox"/> TeamViewer | <input type="checkbox"/> Google Hangouts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams | <input type="checkbox"/> Skype      | <input type="checkbox"/> Google Meet     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone calls     | <input type="checkbox"/> AnyMeeting | <input type="checkbox"/> None            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GoToMeeting     | <input type="checkbox"/> Webex      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:          |

Would you like to share anything else about transportation and in-person and remote visits from professionals (e.g., attorneys, social workers)? \_\_\_\_\_

### Community Involvement/Continuity of Services

Do you have individual community volunteers (from the nearby community)?\*

- Yes
- No
- Other:

If yes, what do they do?

- Religious services and activities
- Educational services/tutoring
- Physical activities (sports, weightlifting, yoga, etc.)
- Arts (visual arts, music, etc.)
- Other:

Do you have volunteer groups (from the nearby community)?\*

- Yes
- No
- Other:

If yes, what do they do?

- Religious services and activities
- Educational services/tutoring
- Physical activities (sports, weightlifting, yoga, etc.)
- Arts (visual arts, music, etc.)
- Other:

If you have individual volunteers, how did you recruit them? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have volunteer groups, how did you recruit them? \_\_\_\_\_

How many CSBs serve the youth in your facility?\* \_\_\_\_\_

Are there programs in this facility that are run by community-based groups?\*

- Yes
- No
- Other:

If you answered "yes" to the question above, what percentage of youth continue receiving services from these community-based programs when they return to their home communities? If you know the exact percent, you can enter it next to "Other."

- None.
- Between 1% and 10% of the youth.
- Between 11% and 25% of the youth.
- Between 26% and 40% of the youth.
- About half of the youth (40% to 60%).
- Between 61% and 74%.
- Between 75% and 99%.
- All of the youth (100%).
- Other:

Would you like to share anything else about community engagement in your detention home? \_\_\_\_\_

Detention Center's Role as a Provider of Last Resort After Other Systems Have Failed  
(Specifically for Unaddressed Mental Health Needs)

Are there youth placed in your facilities who are not public safety risks but instead in need of mental health or other services and placed in your facility for reasons other than public safety or a flight risk for appearing in juvenile or criminal court?\*

- Yes, all the time.
- Frequently.
- Sometimes.
- Never.
- Other:

Would these youth (from above question) be better served somewhere else? Please check all that apply.\*

- Yes, they would do better in a residential program specializing in mental health.
- Yes, they would do better in a residential program specializing in substance use.
- Yes, they would do better in a residential program specializing in child welfare.
- Yes, they would do better in a community-based program.
- No, this is the best place for them.
- Other:

If you answered "yes" above, what percentage of youth in your facility would be better served somewhere else?

- 1% to 5%
- 6% to 10%
- 11% to 20%
- 21% to 30%
- 31% to 40%
- 41% to 50%
- 51% to 60%
- 61% to 70%
- 71% to 80%
- 81% to 90%
- 91% to 100%
- N/A
- Other:

Might your detention center have the space to provide additional residential programming for youth who do not need secure detention (and where they would NOT comingle with the juvenile justice population)?\*

- Yes, definitely.
- Maybe.
- We could do it with some minor renovations.
- We could do it with major renovations.
- We could not do that.
- Other:

Might your detention center have the space to provide additional community-based programming for youth who do not need secure detention (where they would NOT comingle with the detained juvenile justice population)?\*

- Yes, definitely.
- Maybe.
- We could do it with some minor renovations.
- We could do it with major renovations.
- We could not do that.
- Other:

### Operational Capacity

What is your operational capacity (which may be different from the capacity of your facility)?\* \_\_\_\_\_

### Conclusion

Is there anything else you'd like to share? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to set up a time to discuss any of this information in more depth?

- Yes, please reach out to me to set up an interview. My email address is below under "Other."
- No, thank you.
- Other: