

Grand Forks County Juvenile Detention

The Grand Forks County Juvenile Detention Center (GFCJDC) has been operating since January 1, 1978, and, effective March 15, 1991, the Center opened as a Class 1 Secure Detention facility: operating with separate Administration, budget and staff. The Center is located at 125 South 5th Street, Grand Forks, N.D. The Center holds only delinquent youth under the age of 18. Our Class 1 rating allows us to hold a juvenile in custodial care for a period of up to 1 year.

The GFCJDC is a 24/7 facility with 14 beds (maximum of 25 beds) operating every day, staffed accordingly with essential employees. We are responsible for the care, custody, control, and safety of any juvenile placed into secure custody. We offer indoor recreation once a day during the week and twice a day on the weekends. Outdoor recreation is available to those who have been in custody for 30 consecutive days, weather permitting. We hold juveniles charged with delinquent offenses until Juvenile Court gives the order for release, or youth are court-ordered for transfer to other treatment facilities for evaluation and treatment.

The GFCJDC has contracts with the United States Marshals Service (USMS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and Border Patrol. We hold juveniles for the Northeast Judicial District and are presently serving twelve counties. Our daily rate for out-of-county holds is \$225.00 a day.

The goal of the Grand Forks County Juvenile Detention Center is to provide the highest degree of security for its citizens, juveniles detained or incarcerated and the Grand Forks County Juvenile Detention Center staff. This security shall be provided in the most cost-effective manner to ensure positive utilization of Grand Forks County monies, and federal funding. The implementation of this philosophy is predicated upon six identifiable positions:

1. Any and/or all humane resources will be used to ensure the retention in custody of all persons detained or incarcerated;
2. Any and/or all humane resources will be used to control the people detained or incarcerated and Juvenile Detention Centers must be secure, but every effort must be made to minimize the secure appearance of the facility.
3. All juveniles detained or incarcerated shall be held accountable for their actions;
4. Personal care will be provided to ensure that physical and psychological needs are met during detention;
5. All juveniles detained or incarcerated shall leave the GFJDC in as good as, or better, physical, emotional or psychological condition than when they entered the facility;
6. Juveniles are separated from society as punishment, not for punishment.

The Grand Forks County Juvenile Detention Center will provide a positive atmosphere which shall be maintained for the juveniles detained or incarcerated by the facility staff through the provisions of:

- 1.** Effective use of bricks, mortar and security equipment to ensure security on an individual basis (Center must be secure, but every effort must be made to minimize the secure appearance of the facility);
- 2.** Required and ongoing Correctional Officer in-service training to ensure a professional approach to the ultimate goal;
- 3.** A variety of programs, counseling, education and recreation and three levels of security that may benefit the individuals incarcerated when they are again released into a less restrictive environment to assist in reducing recidivism;
- 4.** Positive incentives for those detained or incarcerated through a classification system based on their personal behavior.

The Grand Forks County Juvenile Detention Center personnel are committed to the preservation of basic human rights and dignity of the juveniles detained, as prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, the mandates of applicable courts, the North Dakota Century Codes, North Dakota Jail Rules and Grand Forks County Juvenile Detention Center Administrative policies and procedures.



