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VISITATION FACT SHEET

AUTHORIZED VISITORS SHOULD CALL THE FACILITY TO FIND OUT THE RESIDENT'S GROUP ASSIGNMENT AND CORRESPONDING VISITATION SCHEDULE.

Regular visitation times are as follows:

GROUP	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
B	None	2:15-2:45 p.m.	5:30-6:00 p.m.	2:00-2:30 p.m.
C/D	1:00-1:30 p.m.	None	6:15-6:45 p.m.	1:00-1:30 p.m.
E/F	2:15-2:45 p.m.	None	7:00-7:30 p.m.	3:30-4:00 p.m.

AUTHORIZED VISITORS - REGULAR VISITATION

Authorized visitors for regular visitation times shall include legal custodians, biological parents and step-parents, as identified by the Butler County Juvenile Court. However, due to space constraints, no more than two visitors per resident shall be permitted at regular visitation. In the event that family members cannot agree on the two visitors, BCJDC staff shall give priority to legal custodians and then biological parents. NOTE: BIOLOGICAL PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST PARENTAL RIGHTS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED VISITATION RIGHTS.

AUTHORIZED VISITORS - SPECIAL VISITATION

Youth who are committed to an Ohio Department of Youth Services institution are permitted a special visitation which is to be arranged between the Juvenile Probation Department and BCJDC administration. Authorized visitors for special visitations shall include legal custodians, biological parents, step-parents, grandparents, close adult relatives, and siblings over the age of twelve. Visitation shall be limited to no more than six visitors.

AUTHORIZED VISITORS

The attorney of record, as well as clergy affiliated with the youth, are able to visit with the resident throughout their stay. To accommodate the daily BCJDC schedule, attorneys and clergy are asked to call the facility prior to arriving. Clergy members may not be related to the resident.

VISITATION OVERVIEW

In maintaining facility security, authorized visitors shall arrive for the visitation with very little in the way of personal belongings, limited to car keys and a photo identification. Other personal belongings (cigarettes, lighters, matches, personal medications, cell phones, purses/bags, etc.) should be left at home or secured in a vehicle.

NOTE: Parent(s) / custodian(s) may bring resident's medications to visitation, where BCJDC staff will document receipt. However, due to time constraints, school assignments / books shall not be accepted.

Authorized visitors attending regular or special visitation shall be in the public lobby of the Butler County Juvenile Court at least ten minutes before the scheduled visitation. All visitors will be subject to a search by a deputy of the Butler County Sheriff's Office upon entering the facility. Therefore, visitors should provide ample time to accommodate the search. Ten minutes before the scheduled visitation, BCJDC staff shall announce the visitation, checking authorized visitors off on the Visitation List. Authorized visitors shall have their picture identification available for staff review. BCJDC staff shall provide a quick review of facility rules prior to the group entering the facility. Coats will be secured and the group will be transported for the visitation. NOTE: VISITATION BEGINS AT THE SCHEDULED TIME. FAILURE TO BE IN THE PUBLIC LOBBY AT THE ESTABLISHED TIME WILL RESULT IN VISITATION BEING DENIED. At the conclusion of the visitation, the group will be escorted out of the facility. NOTE: VISITORS WILL LEAVE AS A GROUP. INDIVIDUAL RELEASES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. The time after visitation provides an opportunity for parent(s)/custodian(s) to voice concerns or questions to BCJDC staff.

VISITATION RULES

1. Visitors shall enter the facility free from contraband and personal belongings, limited to car keys and photo identification. Other personal belongings (cigarettes, lighters/matches, personal medications, cell phones, purses/bags, etc.) should be left at home or secured in a vehicle. NOTE: THE BUTLER COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF VISITORS. Key rings shall be devoid of handcuff keys or personal safety devices (chemical mace / pepper spray). Visitors attempting to smuggle contraband into the facility shall be charged with ILLEGAL CONVEYANCE OF PROHIBITED ITEMS INTO A DETENTION CENTER, 2921.36 ORC (F-5).
2. Visitation shall be limited to those authorized individuals identified earlier in this document. Visitors must produce picture identification. Visitors shall sign the Visitor's Log, identifying their relationship to the child. BCJDC staff shall check the Visitor's Log against the approved Visitor's List submitted by the Butler County Juvenile Probation Department. Any individual found to have falsified information to gain access to the facility shall be charged with FALSIFICATION, 2921.13 ORC (M-1).
3. Visitors coming to visitation shall not leave unauthorized visitors (children or other family members) in the public lobby during the scheduled visitation.
4. BCJDC staff shall not accept resident belongings (e.g. books, stamps, pictures, writing materials) from visitors. A child's personal medication(s) shall be accepted and should be brought to the attention of the BCJDC Shift Leader prior to the start of visitation.
5. Visitors are subject to search. Visitation shall be visually monitored and recorded by BCJDC staff.
6. Visitors believed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall not be permitted access into the facility.
7. Visitation may be denied if reasonable grounds exist to believe that the visit might endanger the safety and security of the facility.
8. Parents / custodians may hug their child at the beginning and end of the visitation. Visitors will sit across the table from the child and will refrain from physical contact. Passing of items is strictly prohibited.
9. Any visitor who becomes disruptive during the course of their visit will be asked to leave.
10. Violation of these rules will result in the visitation being denied or terminated, and potentially resulting in a complete loss of visitation privileges.