

How long will my child be in state custody?

Length of stay is dependent upon how receptive your child is to the treatment plan that is developed with your involvement.

What happens when my child has finished his or her program?

When your child has completed the program, you will receive a letter with the anticipated date of release. In some cases, your child may be transferred to a less restrictive program to help with his or her return to the community.

Reintegration Planning

The day your child is committed to IDJC, reintegration planning begins. The reintegration plan (also known as aftercare plan) prepares your child for a successful return to the community. The plan addresses education, work, housing, family supports, any legal responsibilities, and other ongoing treatment needs as determined by the community treatment team. After release from the custody of IDJC, probation will continue to work with your child on reintegration as well as his/her relapse prevention plan, which addresses an individualized support system, positive leisure and recreation activities, coping skills, etc.

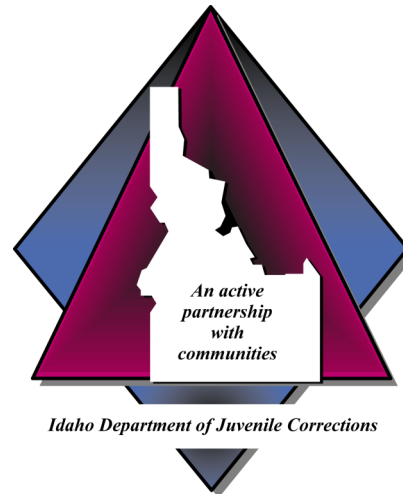


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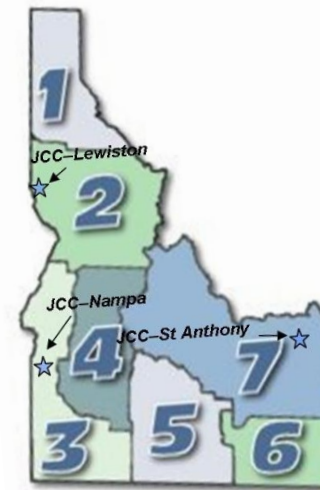
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Inside Your Brochure

This brochure outlines the different steps in a journey that your child may go through.

Included in this brochure is an overview of Idaho's juvenile justice system, phone numbers to assist you, and frequently asked questions.

We welcome phone calls. Please see the opposite page for the location nearest you.



Who can I call if I have questions?

IDJC District Offices

District 1: Coeur d'Alene	208.769.1449
District 2: Lewiston	208.799.3332
District 3: Nampa	208.465.8443
District 4: Boise	208.334.5100
District 5: Twin Falls	208.736.4776
District 6: Pocatello	208.236.6395
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Department Correctional Facilities

JCC-Lewiston:	208.799.3332
JCC-Nampa:	208.465.8443
JCC-St. Anthony:	208.624.3462

Visit www.idjc.idaho.gov for information about each facility and facility virtual tours

Idaho's Juvenile Justice System—From Community through State Custody and Return to Community

Overview

The juvenile justice system in Idaho is based on the Juvenile Corrections Act (JCA). This act states in section 20-501, Idaho Code, that juveniles who violate the law will receive sentences that balance the interests of the community, victim, and individual offender. The JCA also states that parents or legal guardians of juvenile offenders will be held accountable, where appropriate, through monetary reimbursement for restitution to victims of the juvenile's delinquent acts, and supervision and confinement of the juvenile offender. Also, parents or legal guardians participate in counseling and treatment designed to develop positive parenting skills and an understanding of the family's role in the juvenile's behavior.

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Court

If a juvenile is petitioned to court because of a crime he or she has been accused of committing, the judge has several options. These options are weighed by the judge using many separate factors. It is important to understand that the juvenile justice system operates under a sentencing philosophy of "graduated sanctions." This means that the level of restrictiveness imposed on a juvenile depends on certain criteria, such as, how serious the offense is and how well the juvenile cooperates with the court. The purpose of increasing the severity of consequences is to protect the community, hold the juvenile accountable for



the harm caused, and provide opportunities for the juvenile to develop skills to become a successful member of their community. If, in the wisdom of the court, sanctions are necessary, the usual next step is juvenile probation.

County Juvenile Services

Counties provide a wide range of effective approaches for managing juvenile offenders safely in the community, including probation supervision and local detention. Each county has its own probation department or contracts with another county to supervise juveniles. Probation departments emphasize programs which hold juveniles accountable to their victims and their communities with

programs, such as, community services and victim restitution. These approaches may take the form of probation supervision, after-hours tracking, or electronic monitoring, to name a few. In cases where the juvenile offender cannot be managed in the community, the court may order commitment to the legal custody of the state of Idaho.



Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections

If a juvenile is committed to Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC), he or she is assessed and placed at a facility to address treatment needs. Once the juvenile has completed treatment and the community treatment team (comprised of the juvenile, juvenile's family, Juvenile Probation Officer (JPO), select IDJC staff, and any identified community members) has determined that the risk to the community has been reduced, the juvenile is most likely to return home. County probation may continue to work with the juvenile after release from state custody.

Now That Your Child is Committed to IDJC

What happens now that my child has been committed to the state?

Your child will be transported to an IDJC observation and assessment unit. Your child will be evaluated to identify the most appropriate treatment program. You will be asked to participate in a meeting with the JPO and IDJC staff members to discuss the program options

for your child. Staff will attempt to schedule meetings when you are available.

After the evaluation process has been completed, your child will be placed in a program that will best suit his or her needs. The program may be located at one of IDJC's correctional facilities, or at one of the various contract provider programs located across the state or out of state if deemed appropriate. When possible, your child will be placed in a program near your community.

What can I do to help my child while he or she is in state custody?

You can stay engaged by sending letters, phone calls, visits (in person or on video), and participation in monthly meetings. The program's information packet will have additional details on how you can help. For more information, please contact your child's Juvenile Services Coordinator (JSC).

Will I know how my child is doing in their program?

Yes. There are many ways you can stay informed of your child's progress including monthly meetings, visitation (in person or on video), and progress letters that will be sent to you.

Will my child receive education and medical attention while in state custody?

Yes. Your child will receive professional medical and educational services while in state custody.