

# **MERCED COUNTY**

---

## **PROBATION DEPARTMENT**



WILLIAM H. DAVIDSON  
Chief Probation Officer

**TO: PARENTS OR GUARDIANS**

**RE: Visits/Bringing Items into Juvenile Hall**

**PROGRAM OUTLINE:** Upon completion of the admission/intake process your child will be entered into our program. The Juvenile Hall program operates on a Behavior Modification System. Your child will be expected to follow a set of rules and will have the opportunity to earn daily privileges for following those rules. The rules are explained during the admission process and during a rule session each week. Failure to follow the rules may result in a loss of earned privileges.

During your child's stay, every effort will be made to provide for his/her needs, well-being and safety. Our staff are trained and concerned individuals.

During your child's stay, he/she will be provided with clothing and the basic necessities of daily living. We provide three nutritious meals each day and an evening snack. A physician's assistant is available to provide your child with medical attention.

**MEDICATION:** If your child is on medication, you are requested to bring the medication to the Juvenile Hall as soon as possible and leave it with the Supervisor. The prescription must be current (within the last 60 days) and in the proper container with the name of your child and the dosage clearly defined. Juvenile Hall staff will have the medication reviewed by medical staff and administered to your child in accordance with the doctor's written instructions.

**VISITING RULES:** Visiting your child is an important part of the program. We encourage you to visit regularly; and, we hope your visits will be pleasant. All visits are supervised by staff. Minors are not permitted to give or receive any items during visiting. Smoking, eating or drinking of beverages is not permitted.

Visiting for your child is on Sunday. The time is based on your child's last name. The only authorized visitors are parents, step parents, or legal guardians. Visiting times are as follows:

A-G 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.    H-Q 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.    R-Z 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Parents of a minor can bring a minor's child for visiting from 4:30 to 5:00 on Sunday. These visits need to be arranged with the Shift Supervisor by 10:00 a.m. the day of the visit.

**NOTE:** Giving or allowing any minor to take or receive gum, cigarettes, matches, or any other items may result in the loss of visiting privileges. Contraband brought into a secure facility, without authorization, is a violation of the law. (WIC 871.5)

□ Merced Main Office  
2150 M Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Merced, CA 95340  
(209) 385-7494  
Fax (209) 725-3999

□ Merced Office (Supervision)  
820 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
(209) 381-1380  
Fax (209) 725-3737

□ Livingston Office  
1446 C Street  
Livingston, CA 95334  
(209) 394-8091  
Fax (209) 394-4358

□ Los Banos Office  
445 I Street  
Los Banos, CA 93635  
(209) 826-7990  
Fax (209) 826-2811

■ Juvenile Hall  
1411 B Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
(209) 385-7395  
Fax (209) 725-1421

**WHO MAY VISIT:** Visits are limited to parents or legal guardians. Children may not visit and are not to be left unattended in the Juvenile Hall waiting room or outside the Juvenile Hall. Juvenile Hall staff cannot insure the safety of your personal belongings such as purses or packages and these items are not allowed in the visiting area. Please leave these items at home or in your car. You will be asked to sign the visitor's roster each time you visit and may be required to present identification.

**NOTE:** All persons entering Juvenile Hall may be subject to a "pat" down search of their person as well as a visual search of property. Visitors may be required to pass a metal detector check.

**NOTE:** Any person who misrepresents himself or falsely identifies himself in order to secure admission to Juvenile Hall or to gain access to a minor detained therein is guilty of a misdemeanor (WIC 207.5).

**SPECIAL VISITS:** Special visits may be approved, for a valid reason, with the prior approval of the Juvenile Hall Program Manager or Division Director. A family visit may be permitted for minors who have been detained at Juvenile Hall for more than 6 months and who have attained Group Leader status. Immediate family members include (parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers,--no more than six people may visit at one time).

**BRINGING IN ITEMS:** Juvenile Hall furnishes all necessary items for your child's well-being. Juvenile Hall is a secure facility. **NO ITEMS OF ANY KIND WILL BE PERMITTED WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE JUVENILE HALL EXCEPT THOSE ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR ACCEPTANCE BY THE SUPERVISING JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS OFFICER, PROGRAM MANAGER OR DIVISION DIRECTOR.**

**NOTE:** We do not accept snack items for distribution to minors. Minors who have maintained their group leader status will be given a party once a month. Food items for those parties are provided by Juvenile Hall.

**SCHOOL:** Year round school is operated by the Merced County Superintendent of Schools. Credits earned are transferred to the next school your child attends.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Unless medically restricted, your child is required to participate in daily recreational activities which include outdoor sports such as football, basketball, volleyball, etc. An opportunity is also provided for participation in indoor activities such as board games, cards, television, and arts and crafts.

**MAIL:** Your child may receive an unlimited amount of mail, and he/she may write to whomever they wish unless communication is prohibited by Court order [i.e. mail to another ward/probationer]. Mail to and from other confinement facilities is prohibited unless that letter is to or from the child's parent/guardian. The Juvenile Hall will provide postage for up to three letters per week. If your child wants to write more letters, you may bring in postage stamps for your child's use. All outgoing mail must be sent through the postal system. Letters, etc. will not be accepted at the door.

**TELEPHONE CALLS:** To insure notification of family, all minors have the right to call their parent/legal guardian, attorney, and employer after being booked. Once this has been accomplished, minors in custody may not receive incoming calls unless it is from their attorney, probation officer, etc. All minors have the opportunity to earn the privilege of calling home to parent or guardians (collect calls only) through our Responsible Behavior Program.

☐ Merced Main Office  
2150 M Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Merced, CA 95340  
(209) 385-7494  
Fax (209) 725-3999

☐ Merced Office (Supervision)  
820 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
(209) 381-1380  
Fax (209) 725-3737

☐ Livingston Office  
1446 C Street  
Livingston, CA 95334  
(209) 394-8091  
Fax (209) 394-4358

☐ Los Banos Office  
445 I Street  
Los Banos, CA 93635  
(209) 826-7990  
Fax (209) 826-2811

■ Juvenile Hall  
1411 B Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
(209) 385-7395  
Fax (209) 725-1421

**HAIR CUTS:** Haircuts for your child can be scheduled through a licensed barber or cosmetologist at the parent's/guardian's expense and must be pre-paid.

**VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS:** Religious services, and individual counseling are provided. Attendance at these programs is voluntary.

The Juvenile Hall administration encourages questions and comments from parents or guardians. If you have questions, our staff will direct you to the shift supervisor on duty. He/she will be able to assist you. Questions may also be directed to the Program Manager or Division Director. We fully understand the anxiety you or your child might feel, and our goal is to assist your child in adjusting with as little difficulty as possible.

(Rev. 7-02) P:\FORMS\JHvisits.wpd

☐ Merced Main Office  
2150 M Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Merced, CA 95340  
(209) 385-7494  
Fax (209) 725-3999

☐ Merced Office (Supervision)  
820 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
(209) 381-1380  
Fax (209) 725-3737

☐ Livingston Office  
1446 C Street  
Livingston, CA 95334  
(209) 394-8091  
Fax (209) 394-4358

☐ Los Banos Office  
445 I Street  
Los Banos, CA 93635  
(209) 826-7990  
Fax (209) 826-2811

■ Juvenile Hall  
1411 B Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
(209) 385-7395  
Fax (209) 725-1421