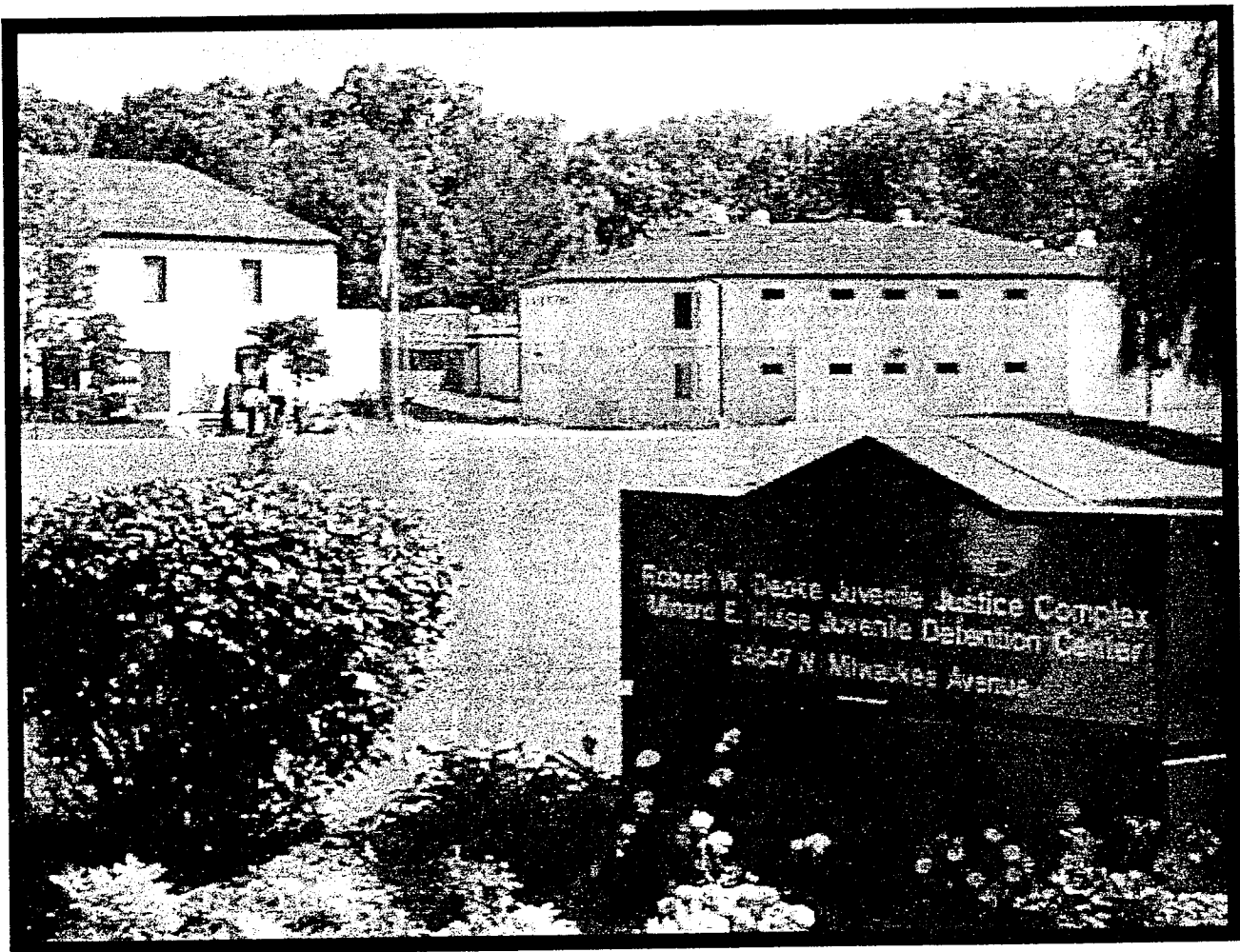

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OUR GUIDING PHILOSOPHY: WHY WE EXIST

The stated purpose and policy of the Juvenile Court Act is "...to secure for each minor ... care and guidance, preferably in his own home, as will serve the moral, emotional, mental and physical welfare of the minor and the best interests of the community; to preserve and strengthen the minor's family ties whenever possible, removing him from the custody of his parents only when his welfare or the safety or the protection of the public cannot be adequately safeguarded without removal; and, when the minor is removed from his family, to secure for him custody, care and discipline as nearly as possible equivalent to that which should be given by his parents, and in cases where it should and can properly be done, to place the minor in a family home so that he may become a member of the family..."

To fulfill our role, we at Juvenile Court Services do all we can to ensure that the philosophy of "Servicing the Family" is reflected in our actions and attitudes and that "Fairness, Firmness, and Consistency" are upheld in all our professional capacities.

Coupled with this imperative is the Mission Statement of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, of which the Hulse Detention Center is an integral part:

"The mission of the Lake County Judicial System is to serve the public. It accomplishes this mission by providing a fair and efficient system of justice, committed to excellence, fostering public trust, understanding, and confidence."



OUR NEW LOCATION: A NECESSARY MOVE

As the needs of the juvenile justice community have grown, the necessity for a new Juvenile complex has increased. In June of 1979, when the current Detention Center, Juvenile Court, Probation Department, State's Attorney, Public Defender, and Circuit Clerk's offices were consolidated into one complex, the youth of Lake and McHenry Counties were well-served by its size and the resources available there. However, as the number of youthful offenders grew, it became apparent that the Waukegan facility was no longer a viable location.

Before any immediate steps were taken, Lake County officials and the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit personnel met in order to develop a specific plan for dealing with the problems of increasing youthful crime and the humane and expeditious treatment of minors. After careful consideration, it was decided that a larger facility, open to the possibility of further expansion and more centrally located, was the best answer to meet the challenge.

Basically, more space was necessary. But in a larger sense, the move to a new complex was directly influenced and affected by the purpose of the Juvenile Detention Center itself: to provide secure custody when deemed appropriate by the Court in the case of immediate and urgent necessity, for the protection of the youth or other persons, or the protection of others' property. While Detention time is kept to a minimum and is subject to timeliness, the Juvenile Detention Center acts as more than a mere "holding area" for acutely involved youths. It is also a place where, under the guidance of counselors, supervisors, and teachers, they participate in a safe, structured living program while awaiting court hearings.

On November 1, 1995, Lake County bought the former Lutheran General facility, which includes nearly 16 acres of property. Since that time, the existing "Old Mansion" portion of the building has been renovated and enlarged. Just west of the existing complex, a secure facility with a capacity of 48 juveniles has been constructed. The adjacent portion consists of 12,000 square feet and is comprised of two main pods, each divided into three units with a maximum capacity of eight persons each. A kitchen and a dining area are included, as well as indoors/outdoors recreations areas. Five classrooms are in place, ready for students who will be taught in groups no larger than 12 in order to maximize the educational experience. In addition to the Detention facility, there are two courtrooms, a court waiting lobby complete with play area, and administrative offices for Court Services, the Public Defender, State's Attorney, Circuit Clerk, and CASA. All of these are located in two wings designed to centralize court resource personnel.



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Lake County's approach to management of youthful offenders is one of intervention, involvement, and aggressive utilization of resources. The programs and services offered are progressive and extensive, from the moment a referral is received to the date of case termination from the system. To facilitate this type of action, several areas are called upon:

- Intake/Admissions/Release
- Central Control
- Detention Services
- Probation Services
- Special Services
 - Juvenile Intensive Probation Services (JIPS)
 - Placement Aftercare Services (PAS)
 - Victim Assistance and Restitution Program (VARP)
 - Home Detention
 - Public Service
 - Adoption Service
- Psychological Services
 - Community Resources
 - Counseling Services
 - Testing

INTAKE / ADMISSIONS / RELEASE

The primary function of the Intake Unit is to review referrals received from police agencies and to make a determination, in conjunction with the State's Attorney, as to whether a petition should be filed with the Juvenile Court. An intake officer will receive, review, and process referrals; recommend release or detention when necessary; and provide for services to juveniles and their families, including diversion and referral to other community resources.

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CENTRAL CONTROL

This unit is designated to maintain the flow of communication and aid in the safety and security of residents, staff, and visitors; control the on-camera observation of the interior and exterior property; and expedite key and radio distribution. Its staff also maintain records of residents' room placement and family information, and they aid in the transport of minors in and out of the facility, as well as their routing within the complex.

DETENTION SERVICES

This broad-based group of resources, provided at the level of Secure Detention, is a comprehensive mix of activities. It includes the following:

Education/School: provided through the Ombudsman Program, offers relevant and grade-appropriate school assignments for the residents of Detention.

Physical Education: provides organized recreation and exercise programs to all residents. Fitness training is also three times a week at wake-up.

Public Service: gives detained residents who have court-ordered Public Service hours the opportunity to complete these hours through specific duties. The Detention counselors and direct care workers coordinate with the Public Service clerk to ensure that this order of the Court is satisfied.

Alcoholics Anonymous: offers the opportunity for detained minors to share their experiences, strengths, and weaknesses with each other to help solve common problems involving drinking and/or drugs, as well as other self-destructive behaviors.

Health Education: provides a program for youths to stress the importance of relevant health care issues. Topics include first aid and medical emergency training, personal and dental hygiene, STD and HIV/AIDS information, and the physical effects of smoking and drug/alcohol use.

Religious Services: makes available to residents a non-denominational church group twice weekly so they may exercise their religious beliefs.

Gateway: a drug/alcohol education group administered by staff from Gateway Foundation.



Arts and Crafts: gives residents the opportunity to express themselves artistically and creatively.

IN-HOUSE RESOURCES

PROBATION SERVICES (*Juvenile Field Services*)

This unit is responsible for the provision of casework services and supervision in the community to adjudicated minors and their families. Additionally, its staff are also required to provide Social Investigation Reports and other court reports for the judges which will aid in the adjudication/ probation monitoring process.

SPECIAL SERVICES

This unit performs the following functions:

Juvenile Intensive Probation Supervision (JIPS): closely monitors high-risk minors in the community in regard to curfew, behavior, school, and/or employment, and police contacts.

Placement Aftercare Supervision (PAS): affords youth who have come back into the community after placement a special officer who monitors their behavior and progress.

Victim Assistance and Restitution Program (VARP): offers victims a special officer who assists them in receiving compensation for their losses and supports them in crisis (e.g., providing references to other resources).

Home Detention: gives high-risk juveniles an alternative to Secure Detention through intensive monitoring and advocacy while they are pending Ruling and Disposition.

Public Service Program: assigns, coordinates, and monitors Public Service sites for youths who are given Public Service Employment hours through the branch or Juvenile courts.

Adoption Services: conducts investigations and prepares reports for the Court and makes recommendations as to the suitability of petitioners for adoption.

Psychological Services: offers a variety of services, including individual and family counseling and parent group. Our community resource liaison acts as a representative of Court Services towards our extensive group of treatment centers and youth placements, as well as community resources.



RESIDENTIAL ORIENTATION

When a minor is admitted to Detention, it is probably safe to say s/he does not want to be here. It is the job of the Hulse Juvenile Detention Center staff to see that the minor's stay is as untraumatic as possible. To this end, it is their responsibility to transition the minor from the community to the Secure Detention environment. It is the minor's responsibility to learn the rules and regulations of Detention and to cooperate with them. The youth must realize that his/her attitude and behavior are the most important things which determine what this experience will mean. To put it briefly, the better a minor behaves, the more privileges s/he will earn; the more s/he acts out, the less s/he will be allowed to do. Our system is based upon cause and effect... if the minor is compliant with the rules and tries to adapt, his/her actions will earn a certain favorable status in the group. However, if the minor is non-compliant, belligerent toward other residents/staff, or acts irresponsibly in some other way, consequences will be given as a direct result of these actions.

Within 36 hours after the minor is brought in by the police, s/he will appear before a judge for a Detention hearing (excluding holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays). At the hearing, the judge will decide where the minor will stay until his/her next court date. This could be home (Home Confinement, Home Detention), or the Detention Center or Adult jail.

This is a brief summary of what happens when a minor is brought into the Hulse Detention Center:

- The minor is given a copy of the rules of the Detention Center.
- The minor showers and changes into clothing which is provided by the Detention Center. His/her personal clothing and belongings are stored, and any valuables are placed in the safe.
- The minor is assigned a room and admitted into one of the pods.

On occasion, a minor must be held in one of two holding cells for a brief period. During that time, s/he is observed by Central Control and monitored by Intake staff. If the youth is held during the times when meals are served to Detention residents, s/he will also receive a food tray.

VISITATION/TELEPHONE POLICY

Detention is a critical period for children and their parents. Parents and legal guardians are encouraged to maintain contact by telephone and in person during their child's stay. As



part of the Hulse Detention Center's program to facilitate and encourage communication and contact between parent and child, the following times are offered for visitation:

- Wednesday evening 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.
- Friday evening 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.
- Sunday afternoon 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

These days and times may change according to the growth in numbers of residents, program needs, etc. Special visitation hours are provided for Christmas Day and Thanksgiving Day.

Visitors are encouraged to arrive promptly at the Detention Center to ensure that as long a visit as possible can be accommodated. Special visitation hours can be arranged in advance for good reason; however, these arrangements must be made with a Principal Juvenile Counselor. We will do all we can to accommodate requests, but safety, security, and program integrity must be taken into consideration.

Visitors are limited to the immediate family -- parents, stepparents, grandparents, and siblings who are 18 years of age and older. Other concerned adults who are at least 18 must receive approval from a Principal Juvenile Counselor at least two days in advance. All visitors are requested to provide proper photo identification (current driver's license or picture ID) prior to entering the building. Furthermore, all visitors must sign in prior to visitation. Those who are not visiting but who accompany visitors must wait outside the building for security reasons. (This includes children.) Only two visitors at a time may come into the building for each resident.

No handbags, purses, knapsacks, "fannypacks", etc. are brought into the building. It is expected that visitors will lock these in their cars or leave them at home. Contraband/weapons or objects which could be construed as weapons should also be left outside. Cigarettes are considered to be contraband and are not allowed. If any restricted objects are found on the person of any visitor, s/he will be referred to the State's Attorney's Office for prosecution.

All residents are allowed one phone call upon admission and three phone calls every seven days after their initial call. (This includes both incoming and outgoing calls.) Residents may only call parents, legal guardians, and their attorneys unless they receive special permission from a Detention counselor to call other persons. On weekdays, the residents are involved in programs during the day, so parents can call from 3:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. and should expect their child to call during those hours, also, if the child is willing to do so. On weekends, when the schedule is a bit more relaxed, the residents may make



and receive phone calls from 10:00 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. We encourage parents to phone the Detention Center and speak to their child during the aforementioned hours; we also encourage them to call at any time to staff if they have concerns regarding their child.

All personal needs, such as underwear, socks, shoes, shirts, toilet articles, food, etc. are provided for each resident. Parents or other visitors are not to bring items such as these to the Detention Center. Furthermore, parents are not to bring items such as candy or other edible treats into Detention. Magazines, letters, pictures, etc. can be brought in for the resident's viewing (subject to inspection by staff), but these objects must all be taken out with the visitor at the conclusion of the visit.

IT MUST BE NOTED THAT ANY VIOLATION OF THIS VISITATION/TELEPHONE POLICY MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF VISITATION/TELEPHONE PRIVILEGES FOR YOUR RESIDENT AT THE DETENTION CENTER.



FACILITY FEATURES:

- Administrative offices, two courtrooms, Probation staff area, and CASA, State's Attorney, Public Defender, and Circuit Clerk's offices under the same roof.
- Secure sallyport for arrival and exit of youths.
- Intake Unit immediately adjacent to sallyport with temporary holding rooms for two youths.
- Two separate pods with rooms for a maximum of 48 residents.
- Five classrooms equipped with computers.
- Serving kitchen and separate dining room.
- Secure Central Control Unit.
- Indoors/outdoors recreation areas, with a gymnasium under construction.
- On-site maintenance crew with 24-hour emergency call capability.
- Back-up emergency electrical system.
- Outdoor deck/picnic area for staff.
- Campus-style wooded acreage.