

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE OVERVIEW

Each day at 27 facilities and 92 court services offices, more than 4,000 DJJ employees work diligently to provide a safe, secure environment for juvenile offenders. These dedicated public servants also are committed to giving youth in DJJ custody the tools and opportunities they need so they will be inspired to take control of their own futures and make lasting, positive changes in their lives.

DJJ's Division of Youth Services has four regions and 11 districts which oversee the management of all DJJ secure facilities and court service offices.

DJJ operates both short and long term facilities for youth awaiting trial or who have been committed to DJJ custody by the Juvenile Courts. Regional Youth Detention Centers (RYDCs) are secure short-term centers for youths awaiting trial in Juvenile or Superior Court, or awaiting a community-based placement elsewhere more suitable for his/her needs. Youth Development Campuses (YDCs) are long-term rehabilitation facilities for youth sentenced or committed to DJJ custody by juvenile courts.

**TO FIND A JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY IN YOUR AREA,
VISIT DJJ ON THE WEB AT:**

[HTTP://WWW.DJJ.STATE.GA.US/FACILITYLOCATOR/COUNTYOFFICE.ASP](http://www.djj.state.ga.us/facilitylocator/countyoffice.asp)



Governor Nathan Deal
Avery D. Niles, Commissioner
Elaine P. Snow, Board Chairman



**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
CENTRAL OFFICE
3408 COVINGTON HIGHWAY
DECATUR, GEORGIA 30032
(404)508-6500**

www.djj.state.ga.us

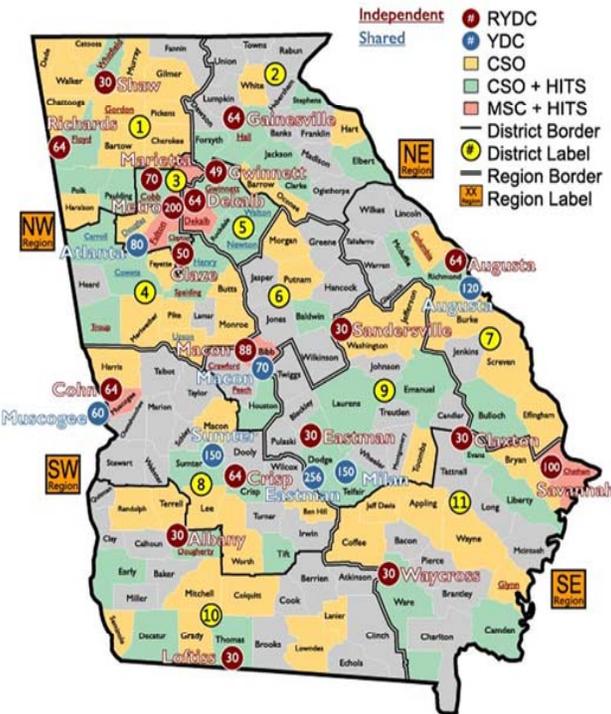


**GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT
OF
JUVENILE
JUSTICE**

WWW.DJJ.STATE.GA.US

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITIES

Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
Regions, Districts, Community Offices & Secure Facilities



TO FIND A JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY IN YOUR AREA, VISIT DJJ ON THE WEB AT:

[HTTP://WWW.DJJ.STATE.GA.US /FACILITYLOCATOR/COUNTYOFFICE.ASP](http://www.djj.state.ga.us/facilitylocator/countyoffice.asp)

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to protect and serve the citizens of Georgia by holding young offenders accountable for their actions through the delivery of services and sanctions in appropriate settings and by supporting youth in their communities to become productive and law-abiding citizens.

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSIONER'S TOP 5 PRIORITIES

1. Operate Safe, Secure Facilities and Communities
2. Juvenile Justice Reform
3. Recruitment, Retention and Succession Planning
4. Classification and Placement of Youth
5. Offender/Youth Reentry

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY IS MY CHILD IN DETENTION?

Your child has been detained in a Regional Youth Detention Center (RYDC) for either a violation of law, or a violation of conditions set forth by his or her Court Probation Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice Juvenile Probation Parole Officer (JPPS), a Juvenile Court Judge or a Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Administrative Hearing Officer.

WHY HAS MY CHILD BEEN ASSIGNED TO A FACILITY THAT IS NOT NEAR OUR HOME?

DJJ makes every effort to place youth in a facility close to their home. From time to time, some youth need to be located at the next nearest facility because the youth may need particular services that aren't available at the closest facility or because the closest facility is at capacity. We do our best to accommodate local law enforcement and local courts. Safety and security is paramount. Each facility has a functional capacity to safely supervise youth.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR CHILD ONCE HE/SHE ENTERS THE RYDC?

The child will be admitted and oriented to the RYDC in a timely and thorough manner. This will include physical (medical) and mental health assessments, an inventory of personal property, issue of state clothing, orientation to center rules, and assignment of a room. A physical examination will be performed within 72 hours. His/her school records will be requested and youth will be placed in a school program, equivalent to his/her current grade placement.

WILL I HAVE CONTACT WITH MY CHILD PRIOR TO THE DETENTION HEARING?

Your child will be allowed to make a call upon entrance into the RYDC. Any concerns could be addressed by the officer/personnel supervising the child's call.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF DJJ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, GO TO:

[HTTP://WWW.DJJ.STATE.GA.US/PARENTSGUARDIANS/PGFAQ.SHTML](http://www.djj.state.ga.us/parentsguardians/pgfaq.shtml)