

## Glossary of Terms

**ADJUDICATION:** A court hearing where a Judge finds a youth responsible for committing a crime. The decision is made either because the youth admits to a charge, or is found responsible by a Judge through a court trial.

**BALLOT MEASURE 11:** A person 15 years or older found guilty of a specific crime that requires the court to impose a minimum mandatory sentence and the person will be processed in the adult justice system.

**CUSTODY:** When a youth is detained by a law enforcement agency because an officer has probable cause to believe a felony or misdemeanor crime has been committed, a statute has been violated, or the youth has a warrant out for their arrest.

**DETENTION:** Temporary and safe custody, in a secure setting, of juveniles (under age 18) who require a restricted environment for their own or the community's protection while pending legal action.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** An attorney, who is employed by the county, and who is responsible for prosecuting people who are charged with a crime.

**FELONY:** The most serious levels of crimes.

**INTAKE:** The point when a Juvenile Counselor meets with a youth and family to gather information in order to assist in the decision making process.

**JUVENILE COUNSELOR:** A Juvenile Counselor is the same as a Juvenile Probation Officer. This person will determine how the case should be handled based on reviewing police reports, interviewing the youth and family as well as other resources. The Juvenile Counselor also supervises the conditions and terms of the youth's status with the Juvenile Department and makes on-going decisions regarding treatment or service needs.

**MISDEMEANOR:** Levels of crimes that are less serious than felonies.

**PRELIMINARY HEARING:** First court hearing in a case to give the juvenile formal notice of the charges and of his/her rights, to determine whether the juvenile has an attorney and if necessary, appoint one.

**PROBATION:** Court ordered conditions and expectations of behavior resulting from a youth being found responsible for violating the law.

**REFERRAL:** A police report is sent to the Clackamas County Juvenile Department through the reporting law enforcement agency.

**STATUS OFFENSE:** An offense that is only considered an offense because a person is a minor (ie. smoking, or staying out past curfew)

## Donald E. Long Detention

1401 NE 68<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Portland, OR 97213  
Phone: 503-988-3475

### Visiting Hours:

Saturday & Sunday – 2:00pm to 4:30pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday -  
6:00pm to 8:00pm

No visitors will be checked in after 4:15pm  
on Sat & Sun or after 7:45pm on Tues,  
Wed or Thurs.

\*No family visiting on Monday and Friday

**Youth at Donald E. Long cannot accept  
personal phone calls. Youth may call  
out during designated hours.**

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## Clackamas County Juvenile Department

### Open 8am – 6pm Monday thru Friday

2121 Kaen Road  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
Phone: 503-655-8342  
Fax: 503-655-8448

<http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/juv/>

## Clackamas County Juvenile Intake & Assessment Center (a part of Clackamas County Juvenile Department)

### Open 24 hours

2121 Kaen Road  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
Phone: 503-650-3180  
Fax: 503-650-3176

## WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

## The Juvenile Justice Process in Clackamas County

## A Guide for Families



*This brochure gives general  
information about the juvenile justice  
system in Clackamas County*

**If you have any questions about your  
child's involvement with the juvenile  
justice system you can call 503-650-  
3180 24-hours/day. Or visit our  
website for frequently asked  
questions.**

**[www.clackamas.us/juvenile](http://www.clackamas.us/juvenile)**

**After police respond to a situation where a youth may have committed a crime they will do one of the following:**

1. Release the youth to their parent or guardian
2. Take the youth into custody and transport them to the Clackamas County Intake & Assessment Center.
3. Take the youth to a detention center.

**What is the Intake and Assessment Center?**

The Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center (JIAC) is part of the Juvenile Department. It is a temporary holding facility for youth who have been taken into custody. The staff at the JIAC will ask the youth some basic questions and will contact the youth's parents immediately. While at the JIAC, youth are held in locked quarters while they wait to be released to a parent/guardian or other authorized person. The JIAC staff may also determine that a youth should be held in secure detention until they have their first court appearance. In this case, youth are transported by police from the JIAC to the Donald E. Long Detention Center in Multnomah County.

**What is the Donald E. Long Detention Center or "detention"?**

The Donald E. Long Detention Center, often referred to as "detention", is a secure detention facility for youth under the age of 18. The facility provides shelter, food, medical care and schooling to youth who are housed there. If your child is transported to detention, they will have a court hearing within 36 hours of being placed in detention. You may visit your child while he/she is in detention. Please see the back of this brochure for address, directions and visiting hours.

**What is the juvenile justice system?**

The juvenile justice system is the system in charge of dealing with juvenile crime. It is different from the adult criminal system. The juvenile system concentrates on holding youth accountable for their actions, keeping the public safe and repairing harm in the community. If your child has been contacted by the police they will not be treated exactly the same as an adult who has been contacted by the police. You may be familiar with some criminal terms that are used in the adult justice system. Below is a chart that may help you understand words that are used in the juvenile justice system that are similar to adult criminal words.

Juvenile Term	=	Similar Adult Term
Adjudicated		Found Guilty
Detention		Jail
Disposition		Sentencing
Juvenile Counselor		Probation Officer
Juvenile Department		Probation Department
Preliminary Hearing		Arraignment
Taken into Custody		Arrested
Youth Correctional Facility		Prison

**What happens after my child has contact with police?**

After your child is first taken into custody or has contact with the police, the police will write a report and send it to the juvenile department.

The juvenile department will then assign your child to a juvenile counselor or diversion panel coordinator who will meet with you to explain what is happening with your child's involvement with the juvenile justice system. This person will also help you understand all of your options.



**How long will the process take?**

If your child is taken into custody, the juvenile department will contact you immediately. If the police write a report that says that your child may have committed a crime, the juvenile department typically will contact you within 2 to 3 weeks of receiving the report. The juvenile department works hard to handle cases in a timely manner. We recognize that it is often difficult to wait to hear what might happen with your child's case.

**We strongly encourage that if at any time you have questions or need support, please call the juvenile department at 503-655-8342. If you are calling after business hours, please call 503-650-3180.**

**Right to have an attorney**

You have a right to have an attorney for you or your child, at your own expense, during any point in the process. Once your child's case has been assigned to a counselor, you may discuss the possibility of a court appointed (reduced cost) attorney.

**What is my role as the parent or guardian of the youth?**

The parent or guardian plays a very important role in the juvenile justice process. Unlike adults, youth are usually dependent on family members who have a large impact on their choices. The partnership between the parent/guardian and the juvenile counselor can have a big impact on a youth's success. The staff at the juvenile department rely on the input of the parent/guardian to help the youth and family through the justice process.

**Where can I find support while my family and I are going through this process?**

**PARENTS OF TROUBLED TEENS (POTT):** *Is a confidential support group run by parents who have been through the juvenile justice system. They meet weekly at Clackamas Community College. Please call 503-312-6941 or 503-319-9084 for time and specific location.*

**PARENT EMPOWERMENT SERIES: 503-723-4827 JUVENILE DEPARTMENT:**

*During Business Hours: 503-655-8342 (8am-6pm Mon-Fri)  
After Hours: 503-650-3180*