

WHEN CAN I VISIT MY CHILD?



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WHERE IS MY CHILD BEING HELD?

Once your child is in the system, there are three types of facilities where he or she can be detained or “locked up.” These facilities include:

- (1) **Pre-Adjudication Facility:** a local secure facility where your child is detained while he or she awaits trial.
- (2) **Post-Adjudication Facility:** a local secure facility where your child is locked up until he or she has completed any required residential probation time.
- (3) **State Secure Facility:** a facility where your child is locked up until he or she has completed the required disposition time. This time can be adjusted based on your child’s behavior while residing in the facility.



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Each facility has its own policies and procedures, including visitation policies. However, there are certain guidelines that they must follow, which are set by the state. If you are not given a copy of the visitation policies of your child’s facility, PLEASE ask for one. The state standards per facility include the following:

Pre- and Post-Adjudication Facilities

- Youth can be visited for at least 30 minutes, once every seven days, or the equivalent of that over multiple visits.
- Youth can be visited by a parent, legal guardian, or custodian.

State Secure Facilities

- Youth can be visited for at least 2 hours during the facility’s scheduled visitation hours or visitation days.
- Youth can be visited by a family member, a non-family member, their lawyer, or clergy.
- “Special visitations” are allotted in special circumstances and with a 24-hour notice.

Note: The amount of visitation time can be limited if your child is housed in a security unit at a state facility.

WHEN CAN’T I VISIT MY CHILD?

Regardless of where your child is being held, a facility has the right to restrict your child from visitation if he or she is assessed as posing a risk to him or herself, or to others. If your child has been identified as a potential risk to safety, the facility is required to notify you. State secure facilities also have specific criteria as to what type of visitors are not acceptable.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you are still unclear about when you can or cannot visit your child, please contact our organization so that we may assist you.