

Henrico Juvenile Detention Home

History

The Henrico County Juvenile Detention Home is an 18,784 square foot facility, costing 1.9 million, which was funded in part with bond approval by referendum on October 2, 1973, as part of a \$29 million bond package.

The facility is the County's first Juvenile Detention Home. It is located on Dixon Powers Drive, adjacent to the Juvenile Courts building. It was the sixth building in the Henrico Government Center Complex extending along Parham Road from Hungary Spring Road to Dixon Powers Drive. The latter artery is named for Henrico's first Juvenile Judge.

The Henrico Juvenile Detention Home is a 20 bed secure detention facility. It is the mission of the Henrico Juvenile Detention Home to hold in secure custody those juveniles who, by statutory criteria requires such restraints for either their own or the community's protection. The objective of the facility is to provide protection, safe care, basic needs and services as required by the Juvenile/Domestic Relations Court Law (Title: 16.1) Code of Virginia and pursuant to the Standards for Secure Detention, approved by the State Department of Juvenile Justice.

The Educational Program has increased its staffing from one full time teacher in 1980 to five teachers in 2011. The Educational services are facilitated thru the Department of Education Special Program and provided by Henrico Public Schools. All religious and recreational activities are conducted by approved volunteers and staff.

On July 1, 1990, the facility broadens its base by developing the Detention Outreach Program as an alternative to Secure Detention. This program allow non-violent juvenile offender to remain in their home under firm program guidelines and conditions. Detention Outreach staff will provides daily monitoring to insure that program participants remain trouble free and available to the Courts.

On August 1, 1996, the Agency implemented the S.T.O.P. (Service through Opportunity Program) Program. This program was developed as an alternative to Weekend Sentencing. The program allows non-violent juvenile offenders to assist in park maintenance (i.e. trash and litter pickup). S.T.O.P. staff will conduct curfew checks over the course of the assigned weekend. Program participant failing to comply with condition will be placed in Secure Detention for the remainder of the original court ordered sentence.

In December 2010, we embarked upon a 1200 square feet Medical Service addition to address the growing medical demand of our juvenile population. The addition is slated to be completed in early September 2011.

The Agency marked its 31st year in fiscal 2011 without any escape and/or serious injury to its juvenile residents. The Home again maintained its well established record of operating a safe and secure facility for staff and resident.