

Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention

DETENTION VISITATION PROCEDURES

- 1. Visitation shall be coordinated with the resident's assigned case manager. Visitors may not bring food, snacks, drinks, etc.
- 2. A Resident's custodial parent(s) or guardians, stepparents, maternal and paternal grandparents are approved visitors. A Resident's spouse and children, who have been approved by the administration, shall be allowed to visit.
- 4. Visitors who are on probation or parole with the Department of Corrections (DOC) or DJJ shall have written approval from their probation officer or parole officer and prior approval from the BRJD Director in order to visit. A copy of the approval letter shall be maintained on file at BRJD. Former residents of BRJD shall not be approved to visit any current resident of BRJD without written approval from the BRJD Director.
- 5. "Special" visits with other family members and siblings under age 18 may be granted if recommended by the Resident's probation officer and approved by the Director or designee. Residents must be infraction free for 30 days preceding the visit. A responsible adult must accompany all special visitors under the age of 18. All minors shall be supervised by their guardian and will conduct themselves appropriately. Disruptive behavior is not permitted.
- 6. No more than two (2) visitors shall be allowed to visit a Resident at any one time. All visitors shall complete a visitation form upon entering the facility. **Each visitor must possess a valid picture I.D.**
- 7. All special visitors age sixteen (16) and above must present some form of identification with a picture on it and be checked against the Approved Visitors List to ensure the visitor is authorized.
- 8. All visitors shall be scanned with a walk-through or hand-held metal detector and/or be given a pat down "frisk" search. If any additional searches are required, visitors must sign an approval form. Anyone refusing to be searched will be escorted off the premises.
- 9. Personal belongings, including (but not limited to) purses/handbags, umbrella, duffel bags, etc., shall not be permitted in visiting areas. Visitors with small children will be allowed one diaper and two bottles.
- 10. All visitors shall park in the area(s) designated by the facility. Personal belongings shall be left in the vehicle with the windows rolled up and all doors locked. The institution is not responsible for such items.
- 11. Visitors suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs shall be denied entry for visitation. Reasonable suspicion may be based upon observable fact(s) including, but not limited to, slurred speech, disorientation, a pattern of abnormal conduct, erratic behavior, an odor of alcohol, falling, and loud and disruptive behavior.
- 12. Visitors shall not give anything to Residents during the visit. All items will be considered contraband. Visitors attempting to give, or found to have given to a Resident, any item(s) which have not been specifically approved or processed may have their visit immediately terminated.

13. Visitors shall not be permitted to bring packages for Residents. Any exception must be approved in advance by the Director/designee and left in writing for the visitation staff.

14. Dress Code for Resident Visitation:

- Visitors are expected to dress appropriately and in a non-suggestive and non-offensive manner.
- NO SHORTS.
- Male visitors are expected to wear full length pants or jeans, a sweater or shirt that has either short or long sleeves and shoes.
- Female visitors are expected to wear dresses, skirts or full-length pants or jeans; dress, blouse, sweater or shirt with short or long sleeves and shoes. Skirts and dresses should be no higher than approximately 2 inches above the knee.
- Prohibited clothing items include but are not limited to:
 - Shorts of ANY type
 - o See-through garments
 - o Excessively tight-fitting or revealing clothing
 - Tank tops/muscle shirts
 - Swimwear
 - Mini-skirts
 - Culottes
 - Halter tops
 - Sleeveless or strapless dresses or tops
 - Bare feet
 - O Clothing perceived to promote or suggest drugs, alcohol, firearms, tobacco, profanity, sexual promiscuity, anti-social or illegal acts, negative or insensitive racial, ethnic or religious innuendos.
- 15. Physical contact between visitors and residents shall be limited. Handshaking, embracing, and kissing on the cheek will be permitted only at the beginning and end of visits. There shall be no excessive noise or vulgar language. BRJD staff will monitor visitation for excessive physical contact, inappropriate behavior between resident and visitor, passing of contraband, and other violations of visitation rules. Any noted violations will result in the termination of the visit by the BRJD supervisor on duty and possible suspension or termination of visitation privileges.
- 16. All tobacco products are prohibited on the grounds of the facility.
- 17. Parents/guardians should feel free to discuss their child's overall progress with the Case Manager, Resident Advisor, Shift Supervisor or other available staff.
- 18. Visitation periods shall be structured so that all Residents on facility grounds will have an opportunity for visitation with family and other approved visitors. The scheduled visitation periods are structured so those Residents will have regular meals in the campus dining facility.
- 19. The visiting area is accessible to the disabled.
- 20. Visitors who give or attempt to give drugs, drug paraphernalia, firearms or explosives to a Resident shall be charged with a felony as specified by the Code of Virginia. Any visitor found to have given one of these items to a Resident will lose the privilege of visitation permanently.
- 21. Visitors who attempt to give or convey any item(s) to a Resident to help him/her escape or in any matter attempt to aid a Resident in escape either with force or otherwise, may be charged with a felony as

specified in the Code of Virginia. Any visitor found to have aided or attempted to aid a Resident in any escape or escape attempt, will lose the privilege of visitation permanently.

- 22. Visitation privileges may be denied for a short period of time or for the duration of a Resident's stay if the visitor is considered to be detrimental to the Resident, or a threat to the safe and orderly operation of the institution. Any violation of the above rules or of the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia by a visitor may result in expulsion from the BRJD property and/or arrest. In such an event, future visitation may be restricted or denied.
- 23. Visitation hours may be shortened for reasons including but not limited to: lack of space, unruly behavior on the part of the resident or the visitor, number of visitors, or staffing shortages due to emergency situations at the facility. Every effort will be made to allow each family their full visit with their child.