

County of Riverside
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC)
INSPECTION REPORT - JUVENILE FACILITY
2022

Facility Name and Address	Southwest Juvenile Hall 30755-C Auld Road, Murrieta, CA 92563
Date of Inspection	December 6 th 2022
Phone	(951) 600-7550
Contact Person and Title	Daniel Castaneda, Division Director
JJPC Inspectors	Tierra Trembley/ Dr. Charles Trembley

Staff Interviewed

	Name	Title	Agency
1.	Daniel Castaneda	Division Director	Probation
2.	Dwayne George	Supervisor	Behavioral Health
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Inspection Concerns/ Recommendations

The commissioners observed the inner workings of the facility during the day shift while youth were involved in classroom activities. While it was reported that the facility was understaffed by 15 correctional officers, the youth appeared to have adequate supervision. It is the recommendation of the commissioners that the probation department continues significant recruiting activities to fill staffing needs at the Southwest Juvenile Hall. Director Castaneda and his staff were helpful and well-prepared for the inspection. We would like to commend Director Castaneda and his staff for exemplary service to the youth of Riverside County.

Agency Inspections

Agency	Date of Last Inspection	Comments/ Concerns
JJDPC	November 18, 2020	Staff documentation was a concern.
Building & Safety	November 10, 2022	
Health	September 8, 2022	In compliance with Environmental Health Standards
Court	November 2, 2022	Found to meet all minimum requirements.
RCOE	November 14, 2022	Fully in compliance with mandates.
BSCC	July 11, 2022	
Behavioral Health	September 8, 2022	A policy review was recommended.
Fire Marshall	September 1, 2022	No violations noted.

S – Satisfactory

N.I. – Needs Improvement

	S	N.I.	Comments
Building Exterior	X		
Building Interior	X		
Field(s)	X		
Courtyard(s)	X		These areas were well-kept.
Unit: One			UNITS/ Living Areas
Common Area	X		
Rooms/ cells	X		
Restrooms/Showers	X		The restrooms were clean.
Other			Postings: Activity Calendar, Programming Safety: Smoke Alarms, Fire Extinguishers, Evacuation Plan
Unit: Two			
Common Area	X		
Rooms/ cells	X		
Restrooms/Showers	X		The restrooms were clean.
Other	X		Postings: Activity Calendar, Programming Safety: Smoke Alarms, Fire Extinguishers, Evacuation Plan
Unit: Not in Use			

Common Area			
Rooms/ cells			
Restrooms>Showers			
Other			Postings: Activity Calendar, Programming Safety: Smoke Alarms, Fire Extinguishers, Evacuation Plan
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Additional Information

Upon arrival at SWJH, youth are provided with a Juvenile Detention Orientation Handbook and made aware and made aware of its contents. Medical/Behavioral Health services are provided to youth upon request. Youth receive behavioral and health assessments within mandated periods after arrival at SWJH. Dental and vision services are available as needed. Youth have access to family visits both in-person and virtually. Youth are provided with State mandated education and have access to college courses through Riverside Community College. Emergency Narcan and AED devices are conveniently located for staff use. SWJH is meeting staff training requirements. Recreation and exercise programs meet the state-required minimums with a variety of recreational activities offered. Nutrition services include options to address dietary restrictions and food allergies. Commissioners were provided incident reports on various events, including room confinements, and missed safety checks by staff. These reports were properly completed, and the events were well documented. Throughout the inspection, Director Castaneda demonstrated an excellent rapport with the youth and staff. Castaneda has allowed his staff to be innovative in recreation and has set a tone for managers, staff, and youth to interact in a manner highly conducive to promoting good behavior and rehabilitation.

We wish to thank the Managers and Staff for their assistance with our inspection.

Respectfully submitted by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJJPC).

Commissioner / Inspector / Report

1/12/23

Date

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JJJPC Chair

2/10/2023

Date

cc: Juvenile Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Chief Probation Officer
Chief Deputy Probation Officer of Institutions
Division Director of Facility
Board of State & Community Corrections (BSCC)

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
County Executive Officer
Director of Behavioral Health Services (RUHS)
Office of Education Executive Director

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