



Juvenile Supervision Center

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What is the Juvenile Supervision Center?

Launched in 2008, the Juvenile Supervision Center uses best practices in working with low-level youth offenders and preventing their future interaction with the juvenile justice system. The Juvenile Supervision Center offers youths a voluntary assessment in an effort to connect them and their families with services.

How does it work?

Hennepin youths aged 10 to 17 picked up by law enforcement, either police or the sheriff, for low-level offenses such as truancy, curfew violation or vandalism are brought to the center, where they receive voluntary assessment and referrals.

Primary services include:

- **A safe, supervised environment** until the young person can be returned to an appropriate and safe environment, like a parent or guardian.
- **Screening and assessment** that examines demographics, police contacts, family circumstances, school experiences, housing, personal health and mental health. If appropriate, youths will be assessed for their risk of future criminal activities. Staff at the center will gather information from a variety of sources, including Hennepin's data sharing system that includes contacts with social services and corrections, to coordinate appropriate services.
- **Immediate intervention** so the young person has a safe place to go and the parents or guardians understand what is happening and their responsibilities and rights. The family may need mediation services to resolve issues between the youth and adults, and other services to help prevent further interaction with the legal system may be recommended.
- **Follow-up and aftercare** for the youth may include short-term counseling, referrals to community agencies and government services, or case coordination that could include several contacts with center staff.

The center provides consistent data collection and ongoing monitoring of outcomes, including recidivism, truancy rates and arrest rates for juvenile crime.

How many does it serve?

Based on past experience, it is estimated that 4,000 youths will be brought to the center in its first year.

How much does it cost?

The center is under the direction of the Hennepin County Board and the Curfew-Truancy Joint Powers Agreement, which includes Hennepin, the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Public Schools. Funding is derived primarily from Hennepin (about \$610,000) and the City of Minneapolis (\$110,000).