

Hennepin County

Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation

The criminal justice system in Hennepin County is made up of law enforcement, the court system, which includes judges, prosecutors, and the Public Defender, as well as corrections, such as the Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCCR) — each serving a unique role throughout the criminal justice process.

law enforcement



Local law enforcement, such as police officers and sheriff's deputies, are responsible for responding to 911 calls and ensuring public safety. If there is evidence of a crime, an arrest may occur, and the suspect will likely be taken to the county jail, operated by the Sheriff's Office.

court system



If a crime is believed to have been committed, prosecutors in the County or City Attorney's Office will review the evidence and determine if it is a chargeable crime. If criminal charges are pursued, a judge will determine if there should be bail, the amount required, and preside over all hearings related to the case.

corrections



If someone is found guilty by admission or court trial, they may be sentenced, by a judge, to a state-operated prison, or, the Adult Corrections Facility or probation, both of which are operated by the DOCCR, with a goal for clients to return to the community on a successful path forward.

996 staff

Our department has 996 employees, led by Director Catherine "CJ" Johnson, operating in more than 20 locations throughout the county, ranging from correctional facilities, to probation reporting offices and occupational training centers.

3 correctional facilities

We operate three correctional facilities: the Adult Corrections Facility (ACF), the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) and the County Home School (CHS).

26,500 clients

We supervise and deliver sustainable correctional services to approximately 26,500 adult and juvenile clients at any given time.

90% of clients

A recent survey of high-risk adult probation clients found that roughly 90% of respondents are taking the steps necessary to make the changes they want in their lives and are working on the correct issues.

400 volunteers

Our 400 community volunteers fulfill a variety of important roles including leading groups, tutoring clients, and acting as mentors or role models.

187,500 hours

Clients who participate in the Sentencing to Service program fulfill on average 187,500 hours of community service to satisfy court-ordered conditions or pay back fines.

52% of staff

As an equity-focused, client-centered and employee-driven department, we are proud that our employees represent the community we serve, with 52% of employees being female and 27% being people of color.

500 clients

Approximately 500 clients at any given time are participating in the Electronic Home Monitoring program, or "house arrest", as an alternative to incarceration, allowing them to continue attending school and work while living at home.

45 days

The average length of stay at the ACF is 45 days, with 19% of residents participating in the work study release program, allowing residents to continue attending school and work while serving their sentence.

Adult Corrections Facility

The ACF is a secure facility that provides short-term — up to one year — custody and programming for adults convicted of felony, gross misdemeanor, and misdemeanor offenses. The facility has a capacity of 477—399 beds in the men's section and 78 beds in the women's section. Annually, the facility has more than 5,000 bookings.

Juvenile Detention Center

The JDC is a secure 24-hour detention facility for juveniles age 10-21 who have been arrested and are waiting for court disposition or placement. The facility has a capacity of 87 beds.

County Home School

The CHS is a state-licensed residential treatment center for juveniles ages 13-20 who have been committed by the court. Year-round school and vocational training augment risk-based, therapeutic programming to improve resident's ability to live productive, responsible lives when they return to their families and communities.

Probation and Parole

Probation is a court-ordered sentence and parole is a conditional release from prison. Both place an individual under the supervision of the DOCCR, allowing them to live at home, work, or attend school, until their sentence is complete. If an individual on probation or parole commits another crime or breaks court-ordered rules, they can be resentenced to the ACF or state prison.