

Jails and Juvenile Hall Inspection Report

Status of Inmate Management in Santa Cruz County

Summary

Every year the Grand Jury is mandated to inspect jails in Santa Cruz County. The 2011-2012 Grand Jury visited the Main Jail, Rountree Men's Medium Facility, Blaine Street Women's Facility, court holding cells in Santa Cruz and Watsonville, and Juvenile Hall. Overall the Grand Jury commends the Sheriff's Department and the Probation Department for operating clean and apparently well-run facilities, despite intermittent overcrowding, gang-related inmate interactions, and limited funding.

However, the Grand Jury has significant concerns regarding the successful implementation of the 2011 "Realignment Legislation Addressing Public Safety" (AB 109),^[1] which went into effect on October 1, 2011. While the Sheriff's Office has a plan,^[2] through its Community Corrections Partnership (CCP), to address potential overcrowding, it will take at least a year to accurately assess how well AB 109 is working. The Grand Jury is also concerned about decreases in the community-based services and programs necessary to serve inmates released into the community for lesser offenses, as county funding for community-based services has decreased nearly 30% since 2009.^{[3] [4]}

The Grand Jury also sought to understand protracted delays in building mandated recreation areas for youth within Juvenile Hall. While Juvenile Hall received funding in 2009 under a \$1.3 million SB 81 grant award^[5] to build the facility, initiative to complete the project has stalled in other areas of county administration and government. The Grand Jury is concerned that chronic delays, now estimated to be an additional three years, may jeopardize the grant award and increase project costs, while youth are not afforded necessary, adequate, and required recreational areas.

Background

The Grand Jury is mandated to inspect the county jails annually under State of California Penal Code §919(b). Additionally, the Grand Jury reviewed previous Grand Jury jails reports in order to identify patterns and issues that remain unresolved. The Grand Jury visited six detention facilities over an eight-month period:

| Facility | Address | Visitation Dates |
|--|--|---|
| Main Jail | 259 Water Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060 | September 16, 2011; December 15, 2011; April 26, 2012 |
| Blaine Street Women’s Facility | 141 Blaine Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060 | September 16, 2011; December 15, 2011 |
| Rountree Men’s Medium Facility | 90 Rountree Lane Watsonville, CA 95076 | September 16, 2011; April 13, 2012 |
| Court Holding Cells | A) 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 B) #1 2nd Street, Watsonville, CA 95076 | December 15, 2011 |
| Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall | 3650 Graham Hill Road Felton, CA 95018 | October 27, 2011; February 24, 2012 |

The Main Jail, Rountree Men's Medium Facility, Blaine Street Women’s Facility, and the Court Holding Cells are operated by the Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s Office. Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall is operated by the Santa Cruz County Probation Department. The County Board of Supervisors approves the budget for each facility.

Scope

The Grand Jury inspected the correctional facilities of Santa Cruz County and reviewed their policies and procedures. The intent of the investigation was to ensure the proper operation and oversight of our local detention facilities per the penal code, while highlighting any issues or concerns that may be of interest to the community. We investigated the following: booking procedures, staffing, operations, inmate services and rehabilitation, medical services, overcrowding, classification, grievances, and discipline.

One principal concern explored in this investigation was the impact of AB 109 on the operating conditions and potential overcrowding of the jails. AB 109 purports to give local law enforcement the ability to manage offenders in smarter and more cost-effective ways. An additional concern the Grand Jury explored was the protracted delay to initiating necessary construction of a recreation area at the County Juvenile Hall facility. The lack of an adequate facility was noted as a compliance issue in a Corrections Standards Authority inspection.

MAIN JAIL FACILITY INSPECTION REPORT

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| <p>Facility Name: Santa Cruz County Corrections Main Jail</p> | <p>Inspection Date(s): September 16, 2011; December 15, 2011; April 26, 2012</p> |
| <p>Address: 259 Water Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060</p> | <p>Rated Capacity: 311 Occupancy: 343 (as of September 16, 2011)</p> |

AREAS INSPECTED OR REVIEWED

| Quality of Life | Programs | Persons Interviewed |
|---|--|---|
| Physical Plant Meals/Nutrition Mental Health Physical/Dental Health Religious Services Visiting Volunteer Involvement | Educational Vocational Community-Based Services Domestic Violence Victim/Gang Awareness Substance Abuse | Inmates: N/A Facility Manager: Yes Medical Staff: Yes School Staff: N/A Mental Health Staff: N/A Line Staff: N/A Food Services Staff: N/A |

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MAIN JAIL

What is the rated capacity of the facility?

This facility has 16 specific housing modules, each with its own rated capacity, with a total rated capacity of 311. Each module is assigned a specific population type: general population, disciplinary isolation, inmate worker, medical needs, and protective custody.

Has the facility exceeded capacity since the last inspection?

Yes. On three separate interviews/visits, the Jail Management System Reports indicated the Main Jail was over capacity. The effects of AB 109 are beginning to be felt in the Main Jail. The average length of stay of non-AB 109 inmates is 30-32 days, while AB 109 inmates have an average length of stay of 2.8 years.

What is the inmate classification system?

Inmate behavior determines housing assignment. Inmates exhibiting gang affiliation, race hatred, or anti-social behavior are classified as Administrative Segregation, which restricts out-of-cell hours and access to other activities offered to General Population inmates. Administrative Segregation and General Population inmates may request

reclassification every 30 days on an Inmate Request Form. If inmates maintain positive behavior, they may be returned to the General Population. If they do not maintain positive behavior, they will remain in Administrative Segregation.

INCIDENTS SINCE LAST ANNUAL INSPECTION

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| Number of suicides | 0 |
| Number of attempted suicides | 0 |
| Number of deaths from other causes | 0 |
| Number of escapes | 1 (Cut off ankle monitor) |

LOCAL INSPECTIONS

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| Fire System Inspection: | Date: May 9, 2011 |
| Medical/Mental Health | Date: Per CSA May 11-13, 2011 |
| Environmental Health | Date: Per CSA May 11-13, 2011 |
| Nutritional Health | Date: Per CSA May 10, 2011 |

STAFFING

Is there enough staff to monitor inmates?

Each shift has 15-17 officers. The total number of officers employed at the jail is 120. However, discrepancies regarding adequate staffing were noted by the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) 2010-2012 Biennial Inspection Report.^[6] The CSA report noted that staffing levels were insufficient:

...consistent gaps in security checks throughout the housing areas...A high percentage of delayed checks were up to 20 minutes overdue...delayed security checks in the housing areas are only evident to supervisors when a computer-generated report is printed. That report is not printed or reviewed regularly by sergeants. When interviewed, sergeants were not aware of the overdue checks. Taken together, these observations indicate

that the level of staffing is insufficient to perform all tasks required by the regulations.

The CSA report also highlighted the following compliance issue:

Title 15, Section 1024: This regulation requires a sufficient number of personnel be on duty at all times to ensure the implementation and operation of all programs and activities required by regulations.^[6]

Does staff communicate in language that an inmate can understand?

At least one Spanish-speaking officer is on duty most of the time. Bilingual inmates are sometimes used as translators when no other option is available.

Impression of staff/inmate interactions?

There appeared to be mutual respect and low tension between officers and inmates during the Grand Jury's inspection.

Number of staff interviewed?

Four staff members were interviewed.

CONDITION OF GROUNDS

The outside grounds are well maintained and pleasant. There are no other grounds areas except a service bay at the back of the building.

EXTERIOR OF BUILDING

The exterior of the building appears in good condition. (Note entry lobby issue in section below.

INTERIOR OF BUILDING

The lobby of the Main Jail closed on September 21, 2011, due to a water problem under a tile floor. This required the front glass lobby windows to be removed and boarded up for safety precautions. As of April 26, 2012, the lobby still has not been repaired, and the windows remain boarded up. Staff reported that this condition reflects poorly on the overall appearance of the facility.

Are cleaning fluids and chemicals labeled and safely stored?

A few spray bottles on cleaning carts had labels worn off or were not clearly marked.

Weapons locker present?

Weapons lockers are present in the command room and sally port.

Recreation/sports equipment?

Each pod has a common area. Inmates were observed working out with weights and on weight machines.

Are the hallways clear, are doors propped open or closed?

Hallways were clear, and no doors were propped open.

Do holding areas (cells/rooms) have access to drinking water and toilet?

Yes.

Are there individual cells/rooms, or dormitories?

Medical Pod, Unit U, has individual cells/rooms and the inmates in the rooms are checked every 20 minutes. Other units utilize a dormitory style.

Beds: Type of bed and 12 inches off the floor?

Yes. However, during periods of overcrowding "boats" are utilized.

Adequate lighting?

There appeared to be adequate lighting throughout the facility.

Temperature?

Temperature was comfortable throughout the facility.

INDIVIDUAL CELLS/ROOMS

Conditions of walls?

We did not inspect individual cells of inmates.

Personal possessions allowed in cell/room?

Inmates are allowed eyeglasses, personal letters, photos, legal documents, and religious materials.

Graffiti present?

No. We did not observe graffiti.

Ample bedding?

With the aid of "boats," all inmates have beds.

ORIENTATION OF INMATES

Are inmates oriented to rules and procedures?

Yes. Inmate orientation is reviewed with all inmates admitted.

Are rules and grievance procedures posted?

Yes.

Do inmates understand rules and grievance procedures?

Yes. A review of grievances over the past six months suggested inmates understood procedures.

Number of inmates interviewed?

None.

MEALS

Have the inmates working in the kitchen been trained?

Yes. There is a strict procedure and protocol in place that allows for trusted inmates to work in the kitchen under the close supervision of experienced staff.

The kitchen area – is it clean? Are knives and chemicals locked?

Yes, the kitchen area was clean. Chemicals and knives are locked when not in use. Staff checks out knives to individual worker inmates; knives are then tethered to the counter space while in use. The kitchen is supervised by experienced staff. The Grand Jury toured the kitchen and extensively interviewed the staff. The supervised inmates are responsible for meals, maintenance, and cleanup of the kitchen.

Is the weekly menu posted?

Yes, the menu is planned and posted weekly.

Are meals served in the cell, day-room, or at a central cafeteria?

Meals are served in the day-room. Special meals are provided to inmates with medical needs.

Are inmates allowed to converse during meals?

Yes.

Length of time allowed for eating?

Inmates are allowed 30 minutes to eat unless their physical limitations require more time.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF INMATES

What is appearance of inmates?

Inmates are dressed in jail jumpsuits. All inmates appeared to be well-groomed.

Showers: Frequency, privacy, supervised by staff?

Inmates shower on a regular schedule and are monitored.

Are there any reported assaults by inmates on inmates?

Yes, the grievance sheets indicated there have been some reported assaults between inmates.

Condition of clothing?

The inmate clothing appeared clean and seasonably appropriate.

PROGRAMS

Exercise inside or outside? How frequently is it offered? How much time is each inmate offered? Do men get more exercise time than women?

Inmates can exercise both inside and in a patio area. Inmates may use the recreation

area daily depending on overall status of the unit and the weather. Men and women are allowed equal time to exercise.

Are there clergy available to inmates on request? Is there access to religious services?

An inmate may submit a request form to contact the Jail Chaplain or clergy; this form must be cleared by the Special Service Division Lieutenant. Volunteers lead weekly bible study and discussion groups for inmates choosing to participate.

Are anger management and other applicable programs available?

Programs noted above at the beginning of this report are available in both English and Spanish.

Are medical services available? How frequently is mental health staff on site?

There is an on-site physician available Tuesday through Friday. Medical services cover only routine medical needs. Needs outside of basic care require transporting inmates to the local hospital, demanding greater security and staff time. Mental health staff is available during the day. Dental care is provided on a part-time basis. The level of medical and dental services may be impacted in the future with the addition of AB 109 inmates.

Are vocational classes available? If so, what types?

No.

Is there a program to involve community volunteers?

Yes. The main goal for the jail visiting project is to ease the disruptions caused by incarceration, by providing accurate information and support to inmates and families.

Friends Outside is a community-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to “Improve the quality of life of families, children and communities impacted by incarceration, and to assist with successful community reentry and family reunification for those transitioning from confinement to freedom.” This organization provides approximately 20 hours per week of direct volunteer service. A church-based group also comes to the jail weekly. Additional outside volunteers are not encouraged due to security concerns.

Is there a work program?

Yes.

AB 109 PLANNING AND MITIGATION

To address the impact of AB 109 implementation, the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP),^[2] a countywide oversight committee, was created. Members of this committee include the Probation Department, Sheriff’s Office, District Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, and a local judge. To date, \$600,000 has been released to fund Custody Alternate Program (CAP) programming and inmate education.

DISCIPLINE OF INMATES

How often is discipline imposed? What is the range of discipline options?

There are four levels of disciplinary sanctions, ranging from Level I to Level IV. Level I entails four to eight hours of extra work detail and loss of privileges for three to seven days. Level IV entails isolation, loss of privileges for 30-60 days, disciplinary diet for three to six days, and forfeiture of credits earned. This system of discipline applies to the Main Jail, Blaine Street Women's Facility, and Rountree Men's Medium Facility.

GRIEVANCES

What are the most common types of grievances filed by inmates? Is there a record kept based on type and number?

The Grand Jury reviewed the inmate grievance log for a 60-day period. The 206 grievances fell into the following categories: 67 medical; 25 inmate classification issues; 14 food; 12 disciplinary; 12 general conditions; 11 personnel; 6 mail; 6 phones; 5 property; 3 mental health; and 45 grievances of other categories.

CORRESPONDENCE

Is there limited free postage to inmates without money?

Yes. Two postage-paid envelopes a week are provided to inmates.

Are inmates aware that their incoming and outgoing mail may be read by jail officials?

Yes, they are notified upon orientation to the jail.

Confidential correspondence to attorneys, legislators, CSA – how is it handled?

Confidential correspondence is opened while the inmate is present. It is not read, just checked for contraband.

Do inmates have access to telephones? What are the restrictions?

Yes. Inmates have a ten-minute limit if there is another inmate waiting to use the phone. All phones are turned off at 10:00 PM.

VISITATION

Is there adequate space and privacy? Convenient times or accommodations to family schedules?

Yes. Rooms are available for visits. Visits are scheduled at convenient times for families.

Are there provisions for special visits with attorneys?

Attorney visits take place in a private room and are not supervised.

Does staff supervise visits?

No.

Do all inmates have access to visiting? If not, give reasons?

Yes. All inmates have access to visits unless they have had their visiting privileges revoked.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

College levels, high school level, other?

Classes are provided through Santa Cruz City Schools Adult School to assist inmates in obtaining a GED or computer training.

Name of school district providing educational services?

Santa Cruz City Schools Adult School.

Number of teachers: full time, part-time, substitutes?

There are four part-time teachers. Substitutes are available.

Number of inmates and in what types of educational programs?

38 inmates were attending classes to earn a GED at the time of the visit.

Atmosphere of classrooms?

We did not visit any classrooms.

Are there adequate supplies (books, paper, computers)?

Not observed.

Are activities and coursework assigned by teachers?

Yes.

Relationship between educational program staff and facility staff?

Not observed.

MAIN JAIL FINDINGS

F1. The current practice of transporting inmates off site for certain medical procedures continues to present security issues and additional expense.

F2. Uncompleted repairs to the Main Jail lobby are unsightly, unprofessional, and present potential safety hazards.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R1. In order to reduce staff and transportation costs, and to mitigate transportation security risks, the Sheriff's Office should expand the scope of medical services provided at the Main Jail to adequately serve the jail population and prepare for inmate growth projections due to AB 109.

R2. The Sheriff's Office should immediately request funding from the Board of Supervisors to complete repairs of the Main Jail lobby.

COMMENDATIONS

The Sheriff's staff is team-oriented, positive, and supportive. The facility is adequately run in spite of tight funding.

BLAINE STREET WOMEN'S FACILITY INSPECTION REPORT

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| <p>Facility Name: Santa Cruz County Corrections Blaine Street Facility</p> | <p>Inspection Date(s): September 16, 2011; December 15, 2011</p> |
| <p>Address: 141 Blaine Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060</p> | <p>Rated Capacity: 32 Occupancy: 24 on day of inspection</p> |

AREA INSPECTED OR REVIEWED

| Quality of Life | Programs | Persons Interviewed |
|---|--|--|
| Physical Plant Meals/Nutrition Mental Health Physical/Dental Health Religious Services Visiting Volunteer Involvement | Educational Vocational Community Services Domestic Violence Victim/Gang Awareness Substance Abuse | Inmates: 1 Facility Manager: 2 Medical : N/A School Staff: No Mental Health Staff: N/A Line Staff N/A Food Services Staff: N/A |

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the rated capacity of the facility?
32.

Has the facility exceeded capacity since the last inspection?
This facility is not at capacity and has not been for some time, due to a lower female inmate population. The average daily number of inmates is 19-21 for the facility.

What is the inmate classification system?
There is no classification at Blaine Street. Its population is selected from the general population of female inmates at the Main Jail. Blaine Street is a minimum-security facility.

INCIDENTS SINCE LAST ANNUAL INSPECTION

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| Number of suicides | 0 |
| Number of attempted suicides | 0 |
| Number of deaths from other causes | 0 |
| Number of escapes | 3 (from January 1, 2012, to April 25, 2012) |

LOCAL INSPECTIONS

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| Fire System Inspection: | Date: May 9, 2011 |
| Medical/Mental Health | Date: Per CSA Report May 11-13, 2011 |
| Environmental Health | Date: Per CSA Report May 11-13, 2011 |
| Nutritional Health | Date: April 10, 2011 |
| Corrections Standards Authority | Date: Per May 11-13, 2011 |

STAFFING

Is there enough staff to monitor inmates?

Yes. Staffing consists of one posted correctional officer per shift. Supervision is shared between the sergeant on site and remote supervision from the Main Jail.

Does staff communicate in language that an inmate can understand?

Yes. There are bilingual officers on staff.

Impression of staff/inmate interactions?

The atmosphere of this facility appeared relaxed and supportive.

Number of staff interviewed?

Two.

Staff Comments?

We informally spoke with both correctional officers at the time of the visits.

CONDITION OF GROUNDS

The backyard was well maintained. The walkway to the facility is concrete and well maintained.

EXTERIOR OF BUILDING

The exterior of the building appears to be in good condition.

INTERIOR OF BUILDING

While not new, the interior of the facility appeared to be well-maintained and clean. We noted that the couches upstairs are ripped and stained.

Are cleaning fluids and chemicals labeled and safely stored?

Yes.

Weapons locker present?

No

Recreation/sports equipment?

Inmates can pursue ongoing recreational activities such as knitting, gardening and crafts.

Are the hallways clear, are doors propped open or closed?

Doors were open and hallways clear during the inspection.

Do holding areas (cells/rooms) have access to drinking water and toilet?

There are no holding areas at this facility.

Are there individual cells/rooms, or dormitories?

Inmates sleep in bedrooms with two beds per room in this facility.

Beds: Type of bed and 12 inches off the floor?

There is one set of bunk beds in each bedroom, set 12 inches off the floor.

Adequate lighting?

Skylights and windows provide adequate natural lighting.

Temperature?

The thermostat was broken on the day of our second visit. The temperature was comfortable throughout the facility.

INDIVIDUAL CELLS/ROOMS

Condition of walls?

The walls of the bedrooms were in good condition.

Personal possessions allowed in cell/room?

Inmates are allowed eyeglasses, personal letters, photos, and legal and religious material.

Graffiti present?

No graffiti was observed.

Ample bedding?

Yes.

ORIENTATION OF INMATES

Are inmates oriented to rules and procedures?

Yes. Inmate orientation is reviewed with all inmates admitted to Blaine Street. They are provided with a list of rules and regulations.

Are rules and grievance procedures posted?

Yes.

Are rules and grievance procedures understood by inmates?

Yes. (Note: The total list of grievances listed in the Main Jail section includes all facilities.)

Number of inmates interviewed?

One.

Inmate Comments?

Our interviewee believes that Blaine Street is “therapeutic and has a lot of programs.” However, she is worried that the work furlough program may be taken away. She is overall pleased with the medical care and very complimentary to the Main Jail nursing staff.

MEALS

Have the inmates working in the kitchen been trained?

Yes. The inmates are trained in meal service, maintenance, and clean up of the kitchen.

The kitchen area – is it clean? Are knives and chemicals locked?

Yes, the kitchen area was clean. Hot food is prepared at the Main Jail and delivered to Blaine Street for distribution. Knives and chemicals are locked and secured.

Is the weekly menu posted?

Yes, the menu is planned and posted weekly.

Are meals served in the cell, day-room, or at a central cafeteria?

Meals are served in the day-room.

Are inmates allowed to converse during meals?

Yes.

Length of time allowed for eating?

30 minutes unless physical limitations require more time.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF INMATES

What is the appearance of inmates?

The inmates appeared clean and well-groomed.

Showers: Frequency, privacy, supervised by staff?

Inmates are allowed to shower in private.

Are there any reported assaults by inmates on inmates?

None were noted in logs at the time of inspection.

Condition of clothing?

Good. All inmates appeared well groomed and wore clothes that fit properly.

PROGRAMS

Exercise inside or outside? How frequently is it offered? How much time is each inmate offered?

The women at Blaine Street are allowed to exercise either indoors or outdoors at their discretion. The doors to the backyard are always unlocked during the day.

Are there clergy available to inmates on request? Is there access to religious services?

The same religious services available at the Main Jail are available to Blaine Street inmates.

Are anger management and other applicable programs available?

Anger management programs are available in both English and Spanish.

Are medical services available? How frequently is mental health staff on site?

Blaine Street is next door to the Main Jail. Inmates in the Blaine Street Facility are escorted to the Main Jail for medical services. Blaine Street inmates have the same medical services as the Main Jail inmates.

Are vocational classes available? If so, what types?

Yes. Most of the classes are life-skills-based.

Is there a program to involve community volunteers?

Some of the programs offered to the inmates include volunteer speakers from Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Is there a work program?

No formal work program is in place, but if an inmate has a job, she is allowed to retain it through work release.

Additional Programs?

GEMMA is a program to assist women to successfully reintegrate and become contributing members of the community after incarceration. During our visit, we were given information about the program. GEMMA educates and empowers women in the transformation of their lives through safe, structured, skill-building support to help stop the cycle of re-incarceration.

DISCIPLINE OF INMATES

How often is discipline imposed? What is the range of discipline options?

Since Blaine Street is a minimum-risk facility, inmates are asked to agree to a standard of conduct. If they are unable to meet that standard, they are returned to the Main Jail.

GRIEVANCES

Types of grievances filed by inmates? Is there a record kept based on type and number?

Yes. Grievances are tracked for the entire system versus per facility.

CORRESPONDENCE

Is there limited free postage to inmates without money?

Yes. Inmates are provided two postage-paid envelopes a week.

Are inmates aware that their incoming and outgoing mail may be read by jail officials?

Yes, they are notified of this during jail orientation.

Confidential correspondence to attorneys, legislators, CSA – how is it handled?

Confidential correspondence is opened while the inmate is present, and checked for contraband only. It is not read by jail staff.

Do inmates have access to telephones? What are the restrictions?

Yes. There is a ten-minute limit if there is another inmate waiting to use the phone. Telephones are turned off at 10:00 PM during the week and 11:00 PM on weekends.

VISITATION

Is there adequate space and privacy? Convenient times or accommodations to family work schedules?

Yes. There is space and privacy at the Blaine Street facility. Families can also visit in the backyard.

Are there provisions for special visits with attorneys and clergy?

Yes.

Does staff supervise visits?

No.

Do all inmates have access to visiting? If not give reasons?

Yes. However, if inmates do not comply with guidelines, they will have their visiting privileges revoked.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

College level, high school level, other?

Classes are available to assist inmates in obtaining a GED, improving or establishing computer literacy, creative writing, and job skills training. The GEMMA program offers money-management and life-skills training. Where appropriate, Blaine Street mandates attendance at Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and other recovery programs.

Name of school district providing educational services?

Santa Cruz City Schools Adult School.

Number of teachers: full time, part-time, substitutes?

There are four part-time teachers; each teaches fewer than 20 hours per week. Substitutes are available when necessary.

Number of inmates and in what types of educational programs?

At the time of our visit 23 inmates were enrolled and had access to a computer lab and a fully-supplied classroom.

Atmosphere of classrooms?

The classrooms are nice spaces in which to work.

Are there adequate supplies (books, paper, computers)?

There appear to be adequate supplies.

Are activities and coursework assigned by teachers?

Yes.

Relationship between educational program staff and facility staff?

The overall atmosphere of Blaine Street appears to be therapeutic and restorative in nature.

COMMENDATIONS

This facility appears to be well-run. Inmates appear to be fully engaged and involved in constructive activities. This facility offers several educational and skill-building options for the benefit of inmates.

ROUNTREE MEDIUM SECURITY FACILITY

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| <p>Facility Name: Santa Cruz County Corrections Rountree Medium Security Facility</p> | <p>Inspection Date(s): September 16, 2011; April 13, 2012</p> |
| <p>Address: 90 Rountree Lane, Watsonville, CA 95076</p> | <p>Rated Capacity: 135 Occupancy: 110 on day of inspection</p> |

AREAS INSPECTED OR REVIEWED

| Quality of Life | Programs | Persons Interviewed |
|---|--|---|
| Physical Plant Meals/Nutrition Mental Health Physical/Dental Health Religious Services Visiting Volunteer Involvement | Educational Vocational Community-Based Services Domestic Violence Victim/Gang Awareness Substance Abuse | Inmates: N/A Facility Manager: N/A Medical Staff: No School Staff: Yes Mental Health Staff: No Line Staff: Yes Food Services Staff: Yes |

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the rated capacity of the facility?
135

Has the facility exceeded capacity since the last inspection?
No.

What is the inmate classification system?
This is a medium-security facility for male inmates only. Inmates are assigned to one of two units: S Unit is a more restrictive unit; R Unit is for lower-risk inmates.

INCIDENTS SINCE LAST ANNUAL INSPECTION

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| Number of suicides | 0 |
| Number of attempted suicides | 0 |
| Number of deaths from other causes | 0 |
| Number of escapes | 1 (from January 1, 2012, to April 4, 2012) |

LOCAL INSPECTIONS

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Fire System Inspection | Date: May 9, 2011 |
| Medical/Mental Health | Date: N/A. Rountree Men's Medium Facility does not house inmates with medical conditions |
| Environmental Health | Date: Per CSA May 11-13, 2011 |
| Nutritional Health | Date: Per CSA April 10, 2011 |
| Corrections Standards Authority | Date: May 11-13, 2011 |

STAFFING

Is there enough staff to monitor inmates?

Staffing and supervisory levels appear adequate to meet regulatory minimums (per CSA Report dated May 13, 2011)

Does staff communicate in language that an inmate can understand?

Yes.

Impression of staff/inmate interactions?

Positive.

Number staff interviewed?

Four.

CONDITION OF GROUNDS

The grounds of this facility are actually quite lovely, with redwood trees, shrubs, and lawns in a park-like setting. Grounds are maintained by inmates.

EXTERIOR OF BUILDINGS

The condition of the buildings was good for the age of the facility.

INTERIOR OF BUILDING

The building is well-maintained, clean, and in good order.

Are cleaning fluids and chemicals labeled and safely stored?

Yes.

Weapons locker present?

None

Recreation/sports equipment?

Exercise is provided inside and outside of each unit and is offered daily. Inmates are allowed to exercise during daylight hours. Both units have an adjacent secure outside area that can be used for basketball and other sport activities. Minimum risk inmates walk next door to the former minimum security facility for exercise and recreation during the day (8:00 am to dusk) where they have access to volleyball, handball, and outdoor exercise equipment.

Are the hallways clear, are doors propped open or closed?

Hallways are clear, and all doors were closed and locked.

Holding areas (cells/rooms) have access to drinking water and toilet?

Holding cells are utilized only to separate prisoners when necessary. Prisoners do not stay in the holding cells overnight. Water and toilets are available.

Are there individual cells/rooms, or dormitories?

There are dormitory-style units.

Beds: Type of bed and 12 inches off the floor?

The bunk beds' bottom bunk is 12 inches off the floor.

Adequate lighting?

Yes, there is adequate lighting throughout the facility.

Temperature?

The temperature of the facility was comfortable.

INDIVIDUAL CELLS/ROOMS

Condition of bays?

The bays were generally clean and orderly.

Personal possessions allowed in cell/room?

Each prisoner has a steel locker under his bunk to store possessions.

Graffiti present?

We did not see any during the two visits.

Ample bedding?

Yes. There were no “boats” being utilized upon either visit.

ORIENTATION OF INMATES

Are inmates oriented to rules and procedures?

Yes. Prior to entering the general population, each inmate is given a one-on-one interview to review rules and procedures. Questions are asked to secure any information about potential medical issues.

Are rules and grievance procedures posted?

Yes. We observed posted grievance procedures in the common area of the sleeping bays.

Are rules and grievance procedures understood by inmates?

Yes. There is an individual interview with each inmate prior to being released into the general population. The supervising officer is bilingual.

Number inmates interviewed?

None.

MEALS

The kitchen area: Is it clean? Are knives and chemicals locked?

The kitchen area is off limits to inmates, as is access to chemicals. Both knives and chemicals are locked. Inmates are served their food through a window in the cafeteria.

Are meals served in the cell, day-room, or at a central cafeteria?

In a central cafeteria.

Is the weekly menu posted?

Yes, the menu is planned and posted weekly.

Are inmates allowed to converse during meals?

Yes.

Length of time allowed for eating?

Inmates are allowed 30 minutes unless their physical limitations require more time.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF INMATES

What is appearance of inmates?

The inmates were well-groomed.

Showers: Frequency, privacy, supervised by staff?

Inmates shower every other day, unless involved in physical work such as crew work or grounds maintenance, in which case they are allowed to shower and get a clean set of clothes daily. Otherwise, clean clothes are provided every other day for inmates.

Are there any reported assaults by inmates on inmates?

Yes, there have been fights and assaults at this facility. Holding cells are used to separate inmates.

Condition of clothing?

Condition of clothing is good.

PROGRAMS

Exercise inside or outside? How frequently is it offered? How much time is each inmate offered? Inmates can exercise daily in the enclosed patio area or participate in supervised activities, playing soccer or softball.

Are there clergy available to inmates on request? Is there access to religious services?
Yes. This facility has the same services available to inmates as the Main Jail.

Are anger management and other applicable programs available?

Yes. Classes are available in both English and Spanish. Counseling for drug awareness and drug abuse education are provided by Pajaro Valley Unified School District Adult Education teachers and counselors. There is a new program in development called the Men's Re-entry Program, based on the women's GEMMA program.

Are medical services available? How frequently is mental health staff on site?

There are no medical or mental health services available at this facility. Inmates with medical conditions are not sent to this facility. If inmates require medical attention, they are transported to the Main Jail or to the local hospital. We were informed during our April 13 visit, however, that medical services may be made available at this facility as early as July, 2012, due to AB 109 funding.

Are vocational classes available? If so, what types?

No.

Is there a program to involve community volunteers?

No.

Is there a work program?

Inmates can be assigned to supervised crews that work off-site, or provide gardening and maintenance services to the facility grounds. There is no work furlough program.

DISCIPLINE OF INMATES

How often is discipline imposed? What is the range of discipline options?

The inmates are subject to a graduated disciplinary procedure that ranges from Level I to Level IV. The degree of corrective action is directly related to the severity of the offense.

GRIEVANCES

What are the most common types of grievances filed by inmates? Is there a record kept based on type and number?

Medical complaints are the most common grievance. There is a record kept of all findings and responses.

CORRESPONDENCE

Is there limited free postage to inmates without money?

Yes, two postage-paid envelopes a week.

Incoming/outgoing: are inmates aware that mail can be read?

Yes, they are notified of this upon orientation to the jail.

Confidential correspondence to attorneys, legislators, CSA – how is it handled?

Correspondence is opened while the inmate is present and checked for contraband. It is not read by staff.

Do inmates have access to telephones? What are the restrictions?

Yes. There is a ten-minute limit if there is another inmate waiting to use the phone. Phones are turned off at 10 PM.

VISITATION

Is there adequate space and privacy? Convenient times or accommodations to family work schedules?

Visiting is scheduled for Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. Inmates can request special visiting privileges.

Are there provisions for special visits with attorneys and clergy?

Yes.

Does staff supervise visits?

Staff supervise from a room with a window across the hall from the visiting room.

Do all inmates have access to visiting? If not give reasons?

Yes, unless they did not comply with the guidelines, in which case visiting privileges are revoked.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

College levels, high school level, other?

Classes to obtain a GED and some counseling are provided by the Pajaro Valley Unified School District Adult Education program. The Adult School also provides English as a Second Language classes.

Name of school district providing educational services?

Pajaro Valley Unified School District Adult Education.

Number of teachers: full time, part-time, substitutes?

Four part-time teachers for up to 30 hours a week of instruction and classes, and two counselors, for a total of 15 hours per week, for drug abuse/awareness counseling.

Number of inmates and in what types of educational programs?

Class attendance numbers fluctuate since inmates are regularly being booked into and released out of the facility. Class sizes are small (10-12 inmates).

Atmosphere of classroom(s)?

Not observed.

Are there adequate supplies (books, paper, computers)?

Classroom supplies appear fairly minimal. The teacher commented that supplies are provided by both Pajaro Valley Unified School District and the jail. Storage space for the supplies and books is inadequate. However, a second classroom is under construction. At the time of the April visit, no computers were available to inmates in the classroom.

Are activities and coursework assigned by teachers?

Yes.

Relationship between educational program staff and facility staff?

We did not observe inmates in class.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HOLDING CELL INSPECTION SUMMARY

Superior Court Holding Cells

Court holding facilities for the Santa Cruz Courthouse consists of five holding cells. Inspections of the cells are conducted by CSA using the appropriate building codes in place at the time of construction or remodel of the cell. Therefore, the code in place in 1994 is used for the inspection of cells Four and Five, which were remodeled in that year. The remaining cells, which were built or remodeled prior to 1978, are inspected according to the appropriate older code. The holding area and holding cells were clean and serviceable despite their age.

Watsonville Court Holding Cell

Court Holding cells for Watsonville Superior Court were opened in 2008. They were inspected in accordance with the 2001 Title 24, California Code of Regulations.

JUVENILE FACILITY INSPECTION REPORT

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| <p>Facility Name: Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall</p> | <p>Inspection Date(s): October 27, 2011; February 24, 2012</p> |
| <p>Address: 3650 Graham Hill Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060</p> | <p>Rated Capacity: 42 Occupancy: 21</p> |

AREA INSPECTED/REVIEWED

| Quality of Life | Programs | Persons Interviewed |
|--|--|--|
| Physical Plan Meals Nutrition Mental Health Physical/Dental Health Religious Services Visiting Volunteer Involvement | Educational Vocational Community Services Domestic Violence Victim/Gang Awareness Substance Abuse | Minors: N/A Superintendent: Yes Medical/Mental Health Staff: Yes School Staff: Yes Supervisor: Yes Food Services Staff: Yes |

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the rated capacity of the facility?

42. The average daily population is 26, with a population of 19 on one of the two days the Grand Jury visited the facility.

Has the facility exceeded capacity since the last inspection?

No.

What is the juvenile classification system?

Both male and female juveniles are separated into two sections of the facility: Ward A and Ward B. Ward A houses higher-risk juveniles, while Ward B houses lower-risk ones. The facility and classification system are adjusted to reduce gang-related behavior or other factors that increase tension within the wards.

INCIDENTS SINCE LAST ANNUAL INSPECTION

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Number of suicides | 0 |
| Number of attempted suicides | 0 |
| Number of deaths from other causes | 0 |
| Number of escapes | 0 |

LOCAL INSPECTIONS

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|------------------------|--|
| Fire System Inspection | Date: October 26, 2011 |
| Medical/Mental Health | Date: No data gathered |
| Environmental Health | Date: Per CSA July 14, 2011 |
| Nutritional Health | Date: Per CSA July 14, 2011 |
| Other | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judicial Inspection of Juvenile Detention Facility for Suitability: February 22, 2012, by Judge Denine Guy. • Annual Attendance Audit for the Santa Cruz County Office of Education: the week of June 20, 2011. |

STAFFING

Is there adequate staffing?

There are two staff per unit and one “floater.” There are four staff at all times on the wards, supervising 10-12 youth. There are 31 total staff. Two full-time nurses cover day-time shifts.

Does staff communicate in a language that a juvenile can understand?

A majority of staff are bilingual in Spanish and English.

Impression of staff/juvenile interactions?

Very good. Juveniles in the common room were calm. The philosophy of staff is that communication should be positive while emphasizing respect for each individual.

Number staff interviewed?

Four staff were interviewed.

CONDITION OF GROUNDS

Lawns, playing fields, blacktop, asphalt, other?

The only area for recreation is a small concrete area in the middle of the facility that is cracked, uneven, and inadequate for exercise. There are no playing fields due to the lack of fencing at the back of the facility.

EXTERIOR OF BUILDING

General conditions, paint, roof, drains/gutters, other?

Overall condition of facility is good, given its age. It is being maintained effectively.

INTERIOR OF BUILDING

Walls, paint, floors, drains, plumbing fixtures, air vents, windows?

All rooms were found to be in adequate condition.

Are cleaning fluids and chemicals labeled and safely stored?

Yes.

Weapons locker present?

None.

Recreation/sports equipment?

Recreation is limited due to restricted outdoor space. No recreation/sports areas exist inside the facility.

Are the hallways clear, are doors propped open or closed?

All hallways were clear. Doors were properly positioned.

Holding areas (cells/rooms) have access to drinking water and toilet?

Yes.

Are there individual cells/rooms, or dormitories?

Individual cells.

Beds: Type of bed and 12 inches off the floor?

Standard beds are 12-plus inches off the floor. Each bed is a raised cement slab with a mattress on top.

Is there a study area?

There is a common area in each ward that also serves as a study area. Juveniles are also allowed to study in two main classrooms.

Adequate lighting?

Yes. The lighting in the facility is adequate, with many large windows in the common room and classrooms.

Temperature?

Adequate. Currently, the heating system is being upgraded. However, the facility does not have air conditioning.

INDIVIDUAL CELLS/ROOMS

Conditions of walls?

Good.

Personal possessions allowed in cell/room (art, books, etc.)?

Juveniles are allowed two books or magazines and five pictures in their rooms. Other personal belongings are stored in individual boxes in a separate area of their unit.

Graffiti present?

No.

Ample bedding?

Yes. Each juvenile had a bed and room.

ORIENTATION OF JUVENILES

Are juveniles oriented to rules and procedures?

Yes. In addition, rules and procedures are posted in different places throughout the facility.

Are rules and grievance procedures posted?

Yes.

Are rules and grievance procedures understood by juveniles?

Yes. At the time of confinement, the juvenile meets with a staff member for an orientation to discuss rules and procedures.

Number of juveniles interviewed?

None

Juveniles' Comments?

None

MEALS

The kitchen area: Is it clean? Are knives and chemicals locked?

Kitchen is clean and well maintained. Knives and chemicals are secured.

Have the juveniles working in the kitchen been trained?

Juveniles work in the kitchen during clean-up only. Four juveniles at a time do kitchen cleanup duty and are able to earn rewards in the process.

Are meals served in the cell, day-room, or at a central cafeteria?

Meals are served in a central cafeteria; however, juveniles may take meals into their rooms at the discretion of staff.

Are juveniles allowed to converse during meals?

Yes.

Length of time allowed for eating?

20 minutes from the time the last juvenile sits down at the table.

Are staff present and supervising?

Yes.

Is a weekly menu prepared? Is it posted?

Yes.

Are servings ample, nutritious and appetizing?

The meal served during the visit was pizza, green salad, and peanut butter and chocolate muffins baked from scratch. The meal looked appealing and portion size was ample.

Are weaker juveniles protected from having food taken from them?

Juveniles are supervised during meals to prevent bullying and food theft.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF JUVENILES

Appearance of juveniles?

Each juvenile was clean and well-kept.

Showers: Frequency, privacy, supervised by staff?

Juveniles are allowed to shower privately. There is a schedule for use of the showers.

Are there any reported juvenile assaults on one another?

Statistics cited by the Probation Department show a total of 11 fights over a 21-month period, with no serious injuries. A direct correlation exists between fights and Average Daily Population (ADP) numbers: a higher ADP equates to increased assaults.

Condition of clothing (does the clothing fit, appropriate for weather, etc)?

Yes. Juveniles wore uniforms that appeared comfortable and appropriate for the weather.

PROGRAMS

Exercise inside or outside? How frequently is it offered? How much time is each juvenile offered?

Juveniles lack appropriate facilities to exercise outside. Thus, they are deprived of the positive and instructive experiences necessary to learn new skills related to anger-management and social cooperation, or to simply work off anger and aggression in an appropriate, sports-oriented way. This has been a longstanding issue within the facility, particularly after the adoption of SB 81. Under SB 81,^[8] communities are required to house and educate non-violent youth offenders:

California Senate Bill 81 was one of the most drastic changes to California's juvenile detention system. The bill shifted the responsibility of housing non-violent juvenile offenders (non Welfare and Institutions Code Section 707 (b) offenders), with the exception of child molesters, from the state to counties. Before SB 81, non-violent juvenile offenders were housed in facilities under the state Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). After SB 81, these non-violent juvenile offenders were placed in county facilities and programs. The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) created a Youth Offender Block Grant, which the Department of Finance used to distribute funds to the counties.^[9]

The Grand Jury sought to understand the protracted delay in building the mandated recreation area for youth within Juvenile Hall because it is a major provision of SB 81. The lack of an adequate facility was noted as a compliance issue in a Corrections Standards Authority inspection. In 2009, Juvenile Hall staff proactively sought and received a \$1.3 million^[5] SB 81 grant award to build a new multi-use recreation facility; however, initiative to complete the project has stalled in other areas of county administration and government.

The reasons cited for the delay in construction of the recreation area range from permitting process delays to mitigation of related insect species in the immediate area. Removing these mitigating factors requires proactive work by county officials regarding permitting, and approval by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It appears that the issue is understood by county administrative staff, elected officials, and the Juvenile Justice Commission. Yet, the project has been chronically delayed since 2009, with some staff stating that the initial stages of the project have not been initiated at all. The Grand Jury was further informed that once started, completion may not be realized for an additional three years—pushing the total time to completion to five years.

Chronic delays may jeopardize the grant award, continue a longstanding non-compliance issue, and increase project costs; all while youth are not afforded necessary, adequate, and required recreational areas.

This inaction puts at risk \$1.3 million designed to enhance the well-being and rehabilitation of youth in Juvenile Hall.

Are there clergy available to juveniles on request? Is there access to religious services?

Yes. Religious programs are available to juveniles and held every Sunday from 6:30-8:30 PM, with different denominations alternating each week. Bible study is held on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 PM.

Are anger management and other applicable programs available?

Yes. Juvenile Hall offers an Aggression Replacement Training Program funded by the California Gang Reduction and Intervention Program.

Are medical services available? How frequently is mental health staff on site?

Mental health staff are on site in shifts. A total of two full-time clinicians provide assessment, treatment and crisis intervention. Psychological testing and assessment is provided for the court pursuant to Section 741 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. A full-time nurse attends to medical needs. Juveniles are transported to a local hospital if necessary.

Are programs and services available? If so, what types?

The following community-based agencies and programs are offered and listed on the Juvenile Hall website 2012:^[10]

- Barrios Unidos (Gang Intervention/Prevention)
- Planned Parenthood
- Friday Night Live
- Mentoring / Job Readiness Programs
- Educational Programs
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Alateen)
- The Beat Within
- Seven Challenges

Is there a program to involve community volunteers?

Yes, interns from sociology and human services programs at University of California at Santa Cruz volunteer while they earn their trainee and intern hours.

Counseling and casework?

Counseling is available to juveniles and their families through the mental health services program.^[11]

Family reunification planning?

The Wraparound Program^[12] provides a multi-disciplinary, family-driven and strengths-

based approach for working with youth and their families to avoid recidivism. Youth and parents are provided with services such as individual skill-building activities, educational advocacy, substance abuse services, parent support, and coaching sessions.

Substance abuse counseling?

Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alateen programs are available on site.

Victim awareness classes?

Planned Parenthood, Wrap Around, County Office of Education educational programs, and counseling services are available to address sexual harassment and education issues.

Gang awareness classes?

Barrios Unidos provides gang intervention and prevention classes and activities.

Sexual harassment classes?

Planned Parenthood, Wrap Around, County Office of Education educational programs, and counseling services address sexual harassment issues.

Parenting classes?

Planned Parenthood and the curriculum offered through the County Office of Education provide some parenting classes for parents of juvenile offenders and for the juveniles themselves.

Community service?

Community speakers are brought to Juvenile Hall to provide enrichment and further educational opportunities. Guest speakers and community members visit the school to provide parenting classes and mentoring, plus art and poetry lessons. Health seminars covering such topics as AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, substance abuse, smoking cessation and gang suppression are a major portion of the school's curriculum.

Work program?

A strong emphasis is placed on life skills development, job preparation, and computer skills through the Robert A. Hartman School. [131](#)

Other programs?

Friday Night Live; Movie Night; The Beat Within; Seven Challenges; and SB 81 related programs are available for youth with longer stays in Juvenile Hall.

DISCIPLINE OF JUVENILES

How often is discipline enacted? What is the range of discipline options?

Disciplinary action begins with discussion of the incident with the involved juvenile. In most cases no further action is necessary. On occasion, the range of discipline can include loss of privileges and room confinement.

GRIEVANCES

Is there a record kept based on type and number? What are the most common types of grievances filed by juveniles?

Yes, there is a record. The most common type of grievance involves heating or cooling of the facility. As stated previously, the facility does not have air conditioning.

CORRESPONDENCE

Is there limited free postage to juveniles without money?

Yes.

Incoming/outgoing: are juveniles aware that mail can be read?

Yes, they are informed that mail may be read by the staff.

Confidential correspondence to attorneys, legislators, CSA, etc. – How is it handled?

Confidential correspondence is opened and checked for contraband while juvenile is present. It is not read by the staff.

Do minors have access to telephones?

Yes.

What are the restrictions?

Free phone calls are allowed to parents and attorneys. All other calls must be placed as a collect call.

VISITATION

Is there adequate space and privacy?

Juveniles (two at a time) generally meet with family in the cafeteria. There is also a private room available for special visits with family and siblings.

Convenient times or accommodations to parent work schedules, etc?

Visits are allowed twice per week from 7:30-8:30 PM during weekdays, and 1:45-2:45 PM on Saturdays. Staff does make an effort to be flexible to the needs of families that are unable to visit at posted times.

Are there provisions for special visits with attorneys and clergy?

Yes.

Does staff supervise visits?

Yes.

Do all juveniles have access to visiting? If not give reasons?

All juveniles have access to visits.

SCHOOL

Number of teachers?

One full-time teacher, one full-time teacher's aide, one part-time aide. Substitutes are available for teachers.

Name of school district providing educational services?

Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

Number of juveniles attending school?

All attend school, unless there are outside circumstances. Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is 19-21 students, with an average of 11 students per classroom.

Number of students in each classroom?

There are two classrooms, each seating 12-15 students. School was not in session during our visit.

Number of juveniles on independent study?

None at this time. When warranted, independent study can be assigned for an individual student.

Atmosphere of classrooms?

School was not in session. Classrooms appeared bright, filled with age-appropriate, stimulating posters, books, and learning materials.

Are there adequate supplies?

There are adequate classroom supplies.

Are activities and coursework assigned by teachers?

Yes. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education provides the teacher, aides, and curriculum for the Juvenile Hall facility.

Are students required to do homework?

No.

Number of juveniles not attending, for what reason?

None at this time.

Relationship between school and juvenile hall staff?

Staff and teachers meet on a weekly basis to discuss needs and progress of individual juveniles.

Describe access to school, recreation, exercise and recreation for juveniles confined to their rooms?

No juveniles were confined to their rooms during our visit. When confined to his room, the juvenile is allowed one hour of recreation outside of his room per day, but not in the company of other juveniles.

ACCESS TO MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

There are two full-time mental health staff on site at the Juvenile Hall facility. They provide assessment, treatment, and crisis intervention. The nurse and mental health worker made a special effort to talk with the Grand Jury to explain how services are provided. A full-time nurse is also on staff during regular daytime shifts.

FINDINGS

F3. Juvenile Hall lacks an outside area for exercise and recreation. This is a longstanding deficiency for the facility and the incarcerated youth.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R3. The Board of Supervisors should collaborate with all involved agencies to complete the design, permitting and construction of the already-funded multi-use recreational facility for Juvenile Hall.

Responses Required

| Respondent | Findings | Recommendations | Respond Within / Respond By |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Santa Cruz County Sheriff | F1, F2 | R1, R2 | 60 days September 1, 2012 |
| Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors | F2, F3 | R3 | 90 days October 1, 2012 |
| Chief Probation Officer, Santa Cruz County Probation Department | F3 | | 60 days September 1, 2012 |

Definitions

- **AB 109:** Assembly Bill 109 changes the law to realign certain responsibilities for lower-level offenders, adult parolees from state to local jurisdictions. AB 109 gives local law enforcement the right and the ability to manage offenders in smarter and more cost-effective ways. It was signed into effect by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. on April 05, 2011. See Additional: <http://www.cpoc.org/php/realign/ab109other/CDAARealignGuide.pdf>
- **AB 111:** Assembly Bill 111 gives counties additional flexibility to access funding to increase local jail capacity for the purpose of implementing AB 109. Signed into effect by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. on April 05, 2011. See Additional: <http://www.cpoc.org/php/realign/ab109other/CDAARealignGuide.pdf>
- **CAP:** *Custody Alternative Program* - Custody Alternative Program includes utilization of electronic monitoring of low-risk inmates under AB 109.
- **County Jail:** A jail facility operated by the County Sheriff's Office to hold inmates pending sentencing and those suspected of felony or misdemeanor crimes, and sentenced inmates facing a term of one year or less.
- **Electronic Monitoring:** A program run by the Probation Department in which offenders are fitted with an ankle bracelet programmed to alert the Probation Department as to their whereabouts.
- **GED:** *General Educational Development* - A group of tests that cover five subject areas which, when passed, certify that the taker has an American high school level of academic skills. The GED is sometimes referred to as a *General Equivalency Diploma* or *General Education Diploma*.
- **GEMMA:** A program provided by the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc., dedicated to preparing women in jail for their reentry into society and reunification with their families. The program provides diverse life skills classes designed to prevent the cycle of recidivism cycle.
- **Medium Security:** A dorm-like setting in a locked facility, rather than individual cells, for inmates whose crime and criminal history do not pose a high security risk.
- **Misdemeanor:** A classification for lesser crimes punishable by confinement in a county jail normally for a period of one year or less, and/or probation
- **Boats:** Beds used for inmates when the population exceeds the maximum capacity of the facility. The boat-shaped plastic bed sits directly on the floor within a cell block.
- **R Unit:** Minimum security unit at Rountree facility
- **S Unit:** Minimum security minus some privileges at Rountree facility
- **Sally Port:** A controlled space often remotely monitored in which the entrance is protected in some way. In the case of correctional facilities, the middle space between two doors of the sally port can be monitored for movement and number

of persons, materials, and in some cases, vehicles. The structure enhances the safety of persons and property occupying the larger structure connected to the port.

- **Title 24:** California State minimum standard regulations for the physical plant, furnishings, and equipment for local correctional facilities.
- **Ward:** An offender who is under the age of eighteen years whose case is within the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court.
- **Work Extension Program:** Low risk inmates live and work off site for the last 30 days of their sentence.
- **Work Release Program:** A program that allows individuals meeting certain criteria to serve their sentences through the performance of community service work projects for up to 60 days. If the court has recommended detainees for Work Release, they may apply for the program to determine if they meet criteria established by the Sheriff's Office.

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Resources

Correction Standards Authority - <http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/csa/>

Friends Outside - <http://www.friendsoutside.org/about-friends-outside.htm>

Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office - <http://www.scsheriff.com/>

Santa Cruz County Probation Department - <http://sccounty01.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/prb/index.asp>

Robert Hartman School in Juvenile Hall - http://www.santacruz.k12.ca.us/alt_ed/schools/robert_hartman.html