

Senate Bill 94 - FAQ

Where does my child go when they are arrested?

If the youth is arrested in Denver by law enforcement for a new offense, district court warrant, or probation violation, they will be brought to the Juvenile Services Center, 303 W. Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80204.

How is it determined that they go to Secure Detention?

The Juvenile Detention Screening and Assessment Guide (JDSAG) is used statewide by Senate Bill 94 screening teams when a youth is being referred to detention by law enforcement either for a new offense, district court warrant or probation violation. The JDSAG is required for all new admissions to detention and primarily focuses on risk for failure to appear and re-offending rather than overall risk to the community.

There are five levels that a youth may screen to (Secure Detention, Staff Secure, Shelter, Home Detention, Release). In Denver, at this time there are no Staff Secure or Shelter placements that a youth may screen to at the time of arrest/screen. If a parent or guardian is unable to respond to pick up their child from the Juvenile Services Center, the Department of Human Services will be notified or the juvenile may enter into secure detention until a court hearing. A court hearing will be set in 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays).

Who notifies me when my child is arrested?

Law Enforcement, Professional Assigned to the Case, Senate Bill 94 Staff Member, or Detention Center Staff

Who determines if my child should be supervised by Pre-Trial Release?

Pre-Trial Release may be ordered to investigate as to whether or not the youth is appropriate to be supervised in the community. The findings will subsequently be reported to the court and the court will make the final decision as to whether the youth will be supervised by the Pre-Trial Release Program.

How long will my child be on Pre-Trial Release?

It is contingent upon the case status and compliance with the program.

What is the difference between Pre-Trial Release, Diversion, Probation?

Pre-Trial Release- Serves Pre-Adjudicated youth between the ages of 10-17.

Diversion- Juveniles who committed a misdemeanor or felony, and meet the certain criteria may be offered Diversion services in lieu of formal court proceedings.

Juvenile Probation-Serves Adjudicated clients.

What is the difference between Pre-Adjudicated vs. Adjudicated?

Pre-Adjudicated - Prior to the adjudication phase of the juvenile justice process.

Adjudicated - Adjudication is the juvenile court process that determines if the youth committed the act for which he or she is charged. The term "adjudicated" is similar to "convicted" and indicates that the court concluded that the youth did commit a crime.

How do I find out who is supervising my child?

You may contact the Juvenile Services Center, 720-913-8980.

What do I do to access resources before my child picks up charges?

There are several community resources such as community mental health partners and agencies. You may also contact the Juvenile Services Center to obtain information and resources.

PRETRIAL RELEASE INFORMATION

A pre-adjudicated youth between the ages of 10-17 who has received a state level charge or is being held in contempt on a truancy case may be ordered to Home Detention or to Pretrial Release.

Home Detention is a short-term service to mitigate secure detention and requires a combination of strict parent/guardian supervision as well as program supervision. A youth may be required to comply with daily check-ins with a diversion officer as well as adhere to a very strict schedule with discretionary electronic home monitoring.

Pretrial Release provides community supervision as an alternative to secure detention. There are four levels of the program that a youth may progress through:

PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL WILL NEED TO DEMONSTRATE AN UNDERSTANDING OF EACH LEVEL BEFORE PROGRESSING TO THE NEXT LEVEL. THERE WILL ALSO BE NO OVERNIGHT STAYS DURING LEVELS 1-4.

Level One: This is the initial level of the program and is meant to allow your assigned Case Manager to get to know you and determine your needs. During this step you will **NOT** be allowed free time. When not at school, employment, services or other activities approved Case Manager, you must be accompanied by a Guardian at ALL times. You must call your Case Manager **seven days a week** to check in. A minimum of **one weekly** face to face contact is necessary and will be made out in community, school, or at home.

Level Two: Moving to this step demonstrates that you have met all the requirements of step one and have a firm understanding of the expectations of step two. During this step you will be allowed free time until **6PM** as approved by your Guardian and/or Case Manager. After **6PM** you must be with a Guardian at all times unless attending an activity approved by your Case Manager. Friends or visitors are permitted only when a guardian is present. You must call your Case Manager, **Monday through Friday**. A minimum of **one** face to face contact **every other week** is necessary and will be made out in community, school, or at home.

Level Three: Moving to this step demonstrates that you have met all the requirements of step two and have a firm understanding of level three. During this step you will be allowed free time until **8PM** as approved by your Guardian and/or Case Manager. After **8PM** you must be with a Guardian at all times unless attending an activity approved by your Case Manager. Friends or visitors are permitted only when a guardian is present. You must call your Case Manager **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**. A minimum of **one** face to face contact **every 3 weeks** is necessary and will be made out in community, school, or at home.

Level Four: Moving to this step demonstrates that you have met all the requirements of step two and have a firm understanding of level four. During this step you will be allowed free time until **10PM on Friday and Saturday ONLY**. All other days, your curfew is **8PM**. You must be with a Guardian outside these times at all times, unless attending an activity approved by your Case Manager. Friends or visitors are permitted only when a Guardian is present. You must call your Case Manager **Monday and Friday**. A minimum of **one** face to face contact **every month** is necessary and will be made out in community, school, or at home.