

Mat-Su Secondary School

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The Mat-Su Borough School District curriculum is delivered via Mat-Su Secondary School, co-located on the MSYF campus.
<http://www.matsuk12.us/myf>

The mission of our school is to help students become citizens of good character with a range of skills necessary for success in life.



MSYF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

A wide variety of support services maintain the high quality of detention care at MSYF. These include: Substance Abuse Prevention, Restorative Justice activities, Food and Medical Services, Maintenance, Housekeeping, Administrative Support and numerous other community programs helping the youth gain success while in the facility.

A Mental Health Clinician is available as needed to provide residents with mental health supports and counseling.

MSYF staff, volunteers and members of the community provide life skills competency building via educational, religious, and recreational activities for the youth.

A variety of community service projects are ongoing within the facility which include baking doggie treats for the local animal shelter, assembling Raise-A-Reader packets (reading promotion) given to newborn mothers at the local hospital, and crocheting hats and scarves for the local women's shelter. Greenhouses facilitate agrarian skills development and produce vegetables and flowers for donation to the local senior center throughout the summer months.

MAT-SU YOUTH FACILITY



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OVERVIEW

Mat-Su Youth Facility (MSYF) opened in 2000. MSYF is a coed, 15 bed facility that serves an ever-increasing need by the youth and families in the Mat-Su Valley. MSYF also serves youths from Glennallen, Valdez, Cordova, Kodiak and the Aleutian Chain.

<http://hss.state.ak.us/djj/facilities/matsuyf/default.htm>

DJJ MISSION

The mission of the
Division of Juvenile Justice is:

To hold the juvenile offenders
accountable for their behavior.

To promote the safety and restoration of
victims and communities.

To assist offenders and their families, in
developing skills to prevent crime.



DETENTION

The primary responsibility of the Detention Unit is to provide a secure placement for juveniles (ages 12 - 19) pending completion of the court process and/or transfer to probation, community based programs or institutional placement. Although the length of stay for juveniles in detention is relatively short, an effort is made to provide the youth in our custody with experiences that are conducive to positive growth.

PROBATION

The Mat-Su District Probation Office is responsible for the intervention and supervision of all juveniles who commit delinquent acts (offenses which would be a crime if committed by an adult). By working in collaboration with the youth and their family, the Probation Office strives to help the juvenile move away from delinquency toward a successful life.

COMMUNITY DETENTION

MSYF runs a Community Detention program out of space provided by the Mat-Su Boys and Girls Club in Wasilla. The program is designed to teach Prime for Life substance abuse prevention curriculum, as well as social skills, to Mat-Su youth who are on the cusp of being detained. Community Work Service is also a key element in this program which has been aided by a number of community partners. The long term goal for the program is to keep kids from entering the Mat-Su Youth Facility Detention Unit.

TSP - (TRANSITIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM / AFTERCARE)

The Mat-Su Transitional Services Program ensures each youth leaves the institution with the skills and supports required for a successful reintegration into their community. TSP staff work with residents, families and staff at the beginning of the treatment process all the way through to aftercare, providing a continuum of care. By focusing on release plans starting early in treatment, the youth and families maintain that goal throughout the DJJ treatment process.

YOUR RIGHTS

No youth at MSYF, or in any Division of Juvenile Justice facility, shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation (whether heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual or questioning), gender or gender identity. No resident or staff is allowed to mistreat you in any way. No one is allowed to call you belittling or offensive names, hit you, harass or bully you. No one is allowed to direct inappropriate sexual language, sexual touching or sexual contact of any type toward you.

