For those interested in volunteering or offering programs for detained youth please contact:

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If you need to make an adjustment to an existing program and cannot reach the Program Coordinator or Activity Aide, please contact:

Admissions Office  
(314) 552-2195

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the St. Louis City Juvenile Detention Center’s Programming Unit to make youth's time under our care productive by providing all youth opportunities for growth and development both as individuals and members of their community.

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Main Court  
920 North Vandeventer Ave.  
St. Louis, Missouri 63108  
(314) 552-2000  
(314) 552-2260 (Fax)  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Monday – Friday (Except Holidays)

Volunteering at the Juvenile Detention Center

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3847 Enright Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63108  
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Detention Center Programming

It is our goal to make good use of the time while youth are under our care in the Family Court – Juvenile Division’s Juvenile Detention Center. One of the ways we accomplish this goal is through programs for our youth.

In our programming efforts we aim to keep youth active, introduce new concepts, develop skills, increase self-esteem and promote positive actions once they return to their communities. Our programming engages youth on various levels of their adolescent development and our programs generally fit into the categories of education, positive support, the arts, chaplaincy, physical fitness and special events.

A Program Coordinator and Activity Aide employed by the Family Court and a Chaplain provided by Episcopal City Mission comprise the team for developing, implementing and monitoring programs for youth.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Detention Center has opportunities for community members who would like to volunteer their time to work with detained youth. For those interested in volunteering, there is an application process that includes a background check. Please contact the Program Coordinator to schedule an interview.

We are currently looking for volunteers to lead programs in the following areas:

- Parenting Skills
- Job Readiness
- Anger Management Counseling
- Life Skills and Personal Finance
- Holiday Special Events
- Tutoring
- Art
- Computer Skills
- Girl’s Specific Programs
- College

Donations

The Programming Unit publishes a "wish list" for those who would like to donate items to the Center. We accept new items including snacks, books, educational materials, sports equipment, games and art supplies to name just a few.

We have a recreation room for youth on the weekends and are in need of DVD videos, food or pizza gift cards, soda, art to decorate with and other relevant items.

There is also a level system that encourages and rewards good behavior called the BRICKS program and we need snacks, magazines and other small items that the youth can earn weekly. Please contact the Program Coordinator with questions about donations or to receive a copy of the wish list. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Voices for Children

Voices for Children speaks on behalf of abused and neglected children in St. Louis city foster care. Our vision is that every child lives in a safe, nurturing home where he or she has the chance to reach his or her potential. Voices child advocates make this happen in child time, where a day can seem like an eternity.

City CASA is Voices for Children's Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. City CASA advocates are sworn officers of the court charged with representing the best interests of abused and neglected children. Voices matches each City CASA advocate with a skilled child advocacy attorney, maximizing the difference each volunteer can make.

While working toward a safe, permanent home, Voices’ teams of advocates work on behalf of each child to expedite vital health, mental health and education services. Children with a CASA advocate are more likely to receive vital services. They spend less time in foster care and are much less likely to re-enter foster care.

City CASA advocates are ordinary people making an extraordinary impact on our most vulnerable children. No specific experience or education is needed - just a desire to help and a willingness to speak up. To learn more about how you can BE THE DIFFERENCE in the life of a child, visit www.voices-stl.org or call 314-552-2352.