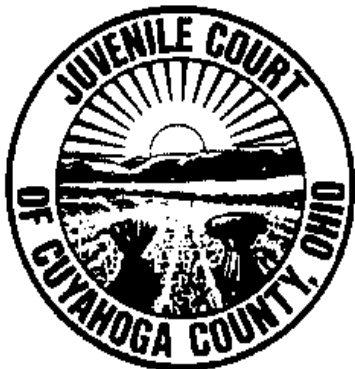


**CUYAHOGA COUNTY
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JUVENILE COURT DIVISION

**HOME DETENTION
INFORMATION HANDBOOK**



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**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
about
HOME DETENTION**

What is Home Detention?

Home Detention is an alternative to holding a juvenile who has had an offense filed against them in the Detention Center. The juvenile remains in his or her home and is provided with intense supervision. Unscheduled contact by the Home Detention Officer insures that the juvenile is following the terms of the behavioral contract.

How does a child get into Home Detention?

Juveniles are referred to Home Detention in two different ways:

- 1) The Detention Center Intake Magistrate determines if a juvenile brought in by law enforcement or any other agency needs secure detention or can be placed on Home Detention.
- 2) A judge or magistrate may order a juvenile into the Detention Center with a referral to Home Detention.

How long is a juvenile on Home Detention?

A juvenile is on Home Detention until his or her next court appearance.

What occurs when a juvenile violates the Home Detention Behavioral Contract?

The juvenile may be brought back to the Detention Center for secure supervision until his or her next hearing.

When is a juvenile returned to the Detention Center?

A juvenile is returned to the Detention Center when there is a violation of the Home Detention behavioral contract or when it is felt that the child is at risk in the home or in the community.

Home Detention Unit
Cuyahoga County Juvenile Justice Center
Detention Unit
9300 Quincy Avenue
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(216) 443-3330 (24 hours)

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Main Home Detention

(216) 443-3498; 443-5078
Home Detention Managers

Ohio Relay Service 711

WHY IS THERE A HOME DETENTION PROJECT?

Deciding whether to hold a juvenile in the Detention Center or to release them in parental/guardian custody while a case is pending at Juvenile Court is not always easy.

In some cases, the charges against a youth are very serious, and he or she must be held for the safety of the community. Some juveniles could be allowed to return home between hearings if they had additional supervision and support. The Home Detention Project serves these juveniles.

By providing face-to-face contact with a Home Detention Officer and electronic monitoring where appropriate, the Home Detention Unit allows juveniles to remain in their home, attend their regular schools, and maintain, if applicable, their jobs. It offers juveniles and their families guidance in resolving conflicts, in planning activities that are alternatives to delinquent behavior, and referrals to community agencies for special services.

The Home Detention Project of Cuyahoga County Juvenile Justice Center is the only one in Ohio to accept a variety of children and to offer a wide range of services.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES DOES A JUVENILE HAVE IN THE HOME DETENTION PROJECT?

The main responsibility of juveniles in the Home Detention Project is to obey the rules listed in the behavioral contracts they sign when admitted to the program.

Generally, the juveniles must attend school every day, keep all counseling appointments, and spend the rest of their time at home. The only time they are permitted to leave their home is when they are with a parent or guardian and have gotten prior approval from their Home Detention Officer.

Being on Home Detention is considered a privilege. Juveniles in the Home Detention Project are legally in the Detention Center and may be returned there at the direction of the Home Detention Manager for any violation of the behavioral contract.

The Home Detention Project considers children appearing for court on the scheduled day and time without any additional charges as a success.

WHAT SERVICES DOES THE HOME DETENTION PROJECT PROVIDE?

The Home Detention Officer is required to have face-to-face contact with each child on his or her caseload according to the levels of supervision. This contact may be at the juvenile's home, job or school. The officers rotate their contacts to observe the juvenile's adjustment in the community. The juvenile will not be notified as to when or where the Detention Officer will meet with him or her.

The Home Detention Officers will also telephone each juvenile on a daily basis.

The Home Detention also uses Electronic Monitoring for certain cases to insure a juvenile's adherence to the rules of the program.

Upon completion of the program, the Home Detention Officer submits a report to the Judge or Magistrate at the Juvenile Court describing the juvenile's behavior while on Home Detention.

Home Detention Officers are on call 24 hours. They can be reached at (216) 443-3330.