

Michigan Juvenile Detention Association Position Statement #1

RESIDENT MAIL:

Statement of the Issue

MJDA recognizes a resident's need for and right to send and receive mail consistent with the preservation of safety and security.

Nature of the Issue

1. Residents should be able to maintain correspondence with families and community.
2. Residents have the right to certain confidential correspondence.
3. Resident's mail may be limited as unrestricted correspondence jeopardizes safety and security.
4. Residents have the right to court and/or facility due process when correspondence is restricted.
5. In order to preserve the effectiveness of correspondence, mail is processed in a timely manner.

Position Statement

It is the position of MJDA that correspondence is an important part of a resident's life. Facilities should establish and follow policies and procedures that allow for correspondence to be processed in a timely manner and to be unrestricted unless the correspondence places persons at risk. Whenever mail is restricted, the facility shall ensure due process.

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