

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
PROBATION DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE**

ACCESS TO LEGAL SERVICES

Title 15, Section 1377

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Purpose:

To establish guidelines to ensure detained youth in Juvenile Detention and Assessment Centers (JDACs) and Treatment Facilities (TF) have access to the courts and legal services.

Guidelines:

- A. Youth shall have access upon request to licensed attorneys, and their authorized representatives.
- B. Youth shall have provisions for confidential consultation with attorneys.
- C. Consultation with an attorney may take place in the Court Holding area, designated JDAC, or TF interview room. All visits will provide for confidential communication between youth and their attorney.
- D. Youth will have access to telephone communication with their attorney upon request during normal business hours. Such telephone contact will be at county expense.
- E. Youth shall have access to unlimited postage free, legal correspondence, and cost-free telephone access as appropriate.
- F. Youth may write an unlimited number of uncensored, postage-free correspondence to all court personnel and attorneys.
- G. All youth entering a JDAC will be represented by legal counsel at all legal proceedings.

Inspections:

Refer to the Policy and Procedure Inspection Matrix.

Foundation:

Minimum Standards for Juvenile Facilities, Title 15, Section 1377

References:

Correspondence of Youth, Title 15, Section 1375

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