

**Gender and the Role of Booking Criteria.**

Bob Kauffman, former Precinct Commander in Multnomah County describes an instance in which targeting detention criteria and alternatives to detention at a population of girls, reduced detention of girls and changed the detention culture. When JDAI began in Multnomah County, the police were particularly concerned about large numbers of transient and homeless girls living on the streets vulnerable to victimization. Prior to JDAI the police brought them to detention where they were temporarily held but not booked. As a result of JDAI collaborations the Police entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Probation Department specifying that these youth would not be brought to detention (they did not meet the specified detention criteria) but would be brought to the Reception Center, contracted with probation for this purpose. At the Reception Center, the youth are assessed and referred to services (which may include shelter services). In this case, coupling detention criteria with an alternative to detention changed the culture, allowing law enforcement to focus on cases of public safety and letting social services to focus on homeless youth.

The following is that Memorandum of Agreement, making gender neutral the decision of whether to bring a youth to detention's front door.



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**Memorandum of Agreement between Multnomah County Department of Juvenile  
Justice, Police Agencies and the  
Janus/New Avenues for Youth Reception Center**

The undersigned Police and Juvenile Justice Agency hereby agree that youths, 11 years old through 17 years old, charged with status offenses and non-detainable crimes, will not be taken to the Multnomah County Juvenile Detention Facility (Donald E. Long Home). These youths will be taken to the 24-hour Reception Center, operated jointly by Janus Youth Programs and New Avenues for Youth at 324 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, OR 97205, phone number (503) 223-2050. Reception Center staff and the Juvenile Detention Facility Intake Counselor (503) 988-3475 are both available by phone 24-hours a day to provide assistance or advice.

Those youths appropriate for the Reception Center include:

- Youth 11 through 17 years old
- Charged with status offenses such as: runaway, minor in possession of tobacco and alcohol, curfew violations, truancy, etc.
- Charged with City ordinance violations
- Charged with non-person to person misdemeanors including theft III, criminal trespass III, criminal mischief II & III, and disorderly conduct
- In circumstances or situations that may endanger their welfare or the welfare of others (Behavior, Conditions, and Circumstances BCC).
- All probation youth charged with non-detainable offenses
- All youth whose parents/guardian can not be contacted

Youth not appropriate for the Reception Center include:

- Youth 18 years or older
- Youth who are potentially violent or pose a danger to self/others based on the judgment of arresting officer and/or RC staff
- Youth who refuse to participate in Reception Center screening.
- Charged with person to person crime
- Charged with possession of a firearm or destructive device
- Charged with a Class A, B, or C felony
- Has an outstanding warrant or All Points Bulletin (APB)
- Is an out of state runaway (officer can decide if they want the Reception Center to handle the case depending on the circumstances, such as a runaway from Vancouver)
- Probation youth charged with a detainable offense
- ORS: 419c.145 pre-adjudication detention grounds

Officers will not transport documented gang affiliates, violent youth, or youth charged with person to person or fire arms charges to the Reception Center. Youth with medical, chemical or behavioral issues may be taken directly to the hospital, Multnomah County mental health emergency services, or State Department of Human Services emergency care. Regarding the handling of intoxicated youth, officers should have a youth medically cleared before bringing them to the Reception Center. Medical clearance involves taking the youth to the Emergency Room for evaluation. Reception Center staff may ask that a youth is medically cleared prior to accepting that youth for services.

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Fairview Police Department                      Date

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Gresham Police Department                      Date

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Multnomah County Sheriff                      Date

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Oregon State Police                      Date

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Troutdale Police Department                      Date

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Joanne Fuller                      Date  
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Dennis Morrow, Janus                      Date

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Ken Cowdery, New Avenues                      Date