

Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center
 San Leandro, California



The philosophical approach to juvenile detention in Alameda County is focused on compliance with Board of Corrections (BOC) standards and providing a constructive educational and positive living environment for the youth. The Juvenile Justice Center will house pre-trial youth pending appearance in the new, on-site delinquency courthouse. In addition to this population, the detention facility will also provide temporary placement for youth in foster care who are between placements.

The Juvenile Courts component is planned to meet current and future court needs, with spaces planned large enough to meet anticipated future staffing levels. Security is emphasized and circulation patterns create clear separations of public, in-custody and staff areas. This facility will house prosecutorial and defense staff working with juvenile delinquents and offer

a waiting room for families visiting the court.

Unique courtyards separating the courts facility from the secured housing units is an environment for the families to contemplate and relieve the stress of the pending trials. The public lobby is the entrance to the building for all visitors. This area provides a space for visitors to be screened and enter the building and wait, as well as providing a controlled entry point into the secure facility. Many of those visiting the juvenile detention facility are families with children. A special children's waiting area is separated from the main lobby area and offers a carpeted area with child-sized chairs and toys for visiting children to play, apart from the regular adult waiting area. This project is designed in accordance with LEED Gold standards

Client	County of Alameda, GSA Technical Services
Size	467,570 sq.ft.
Units	450 Beds
Shell Cost	\$135 Million
Completion	January 2007