

MnJDA 
**Minnesota Juvenile
Detention Association**

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Anoka County Juvenile
Center

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Juvenile Center

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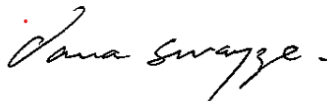
West Central Regional
Juvenile Center

The Minnesota Juvenile Detention Association (MnJDA) is an organization consisting of 13 facilities that provide secure detention and treatment services for youth across Minnesota. Our purpose, in part, is to improve youth care in facilities; develop and train juvenile justice professionals; and provide information to local, state and national facilities regarding the needs of juvenile facilities, programs and services.

In 2026, the Minnesota Department of Corrections (MNDOC) intends to submit a bill for changes to juvenile facility licensing practices under Minnesota statute 241.021. The MNDOC Policy and Rulemaking Division proactively contacted MnJDA to discuss the proposed changes and the impact they will have upon juvenile facilities.

MnJDA appreciates the MNDOC Policy and Rulemaking Division's collaborative approach and responsiveness to questions and concerns raised by our association. MnJDA feels it is reasonable to amend the statute in order to bring the licensing standards and appeal processes available to adult correctional settings to juvenile settings. We anticipate this will contribute to increased predictability and consistency in the application of juvenile licensing standards.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dana Swayze, MnJDA President