

Sacramento County



Probation Department

Youth Detention Facility OPERATIONS ORDER

ACCESS TO LEGAL SERVICES – TITLE XV 1377

Guidelines

All youth housed in the Sacramento County Youth Detention Facility have a constitutional right to unimpeded access to their attorney and their authorized representatives. Provisions for the youth's confidential consultation with their attorney are provided.

Access shall include: unlimited postage free, legal correspondence and cost free telephone access as appropriate. Also, mail sent to and received from the minor's attorney is considered privileged and confidential mail.

The youth gain access to their attorney by completing a "request to see Public Defender" form, which is forwarded to the attorney. All youth have constant access to these forms, as they are available in each living unit's activity room.