

**Sedgwick County Juvenile and Detention Facility Program**  
Wichita, Kansas

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In March 2002, Sedgwick County began the process of planning for a new Juvenile Court and Detention Facility. The Sedgwick County Juvenile Courts and Detention Facility replaces an outdated 30-bed detention center and attached courts facility. Since the early 1990s, the Sedgwick County courts system has experienced an increasing caseload. Court calendars are jammed, public spaces and offices are congested, and more than 40 youth are held daily in out of county detention facilities to avoid severe crowding at the county detention center. Planning studies indicated continuing growth in court and detention operations in coming years. In response, county authorities elected to pursue the development of a new detention facility and expanded court space.

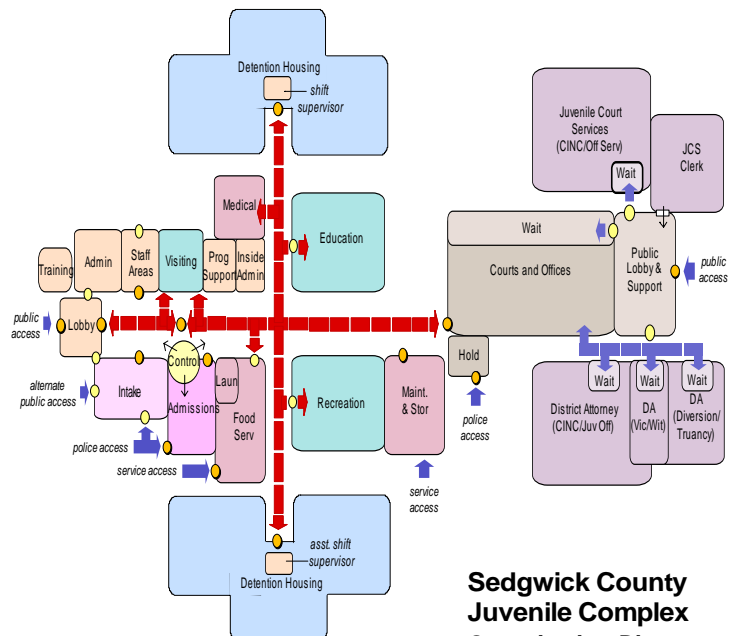


Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention - Front Elevation

The proposed facility will incorporate court rooms and court support spaces, expanded divisional offices, and public areas in addition to an entirely new juvenile detention center featuring extensive central education and recreation spaces and 12 separate housing units of nine beds each (108 total capacity). Smaller housing units are desired to ensure advanced classification and management practices. Units are paired in order to share multipurpose and outdoor courtyard space and to promote efficient staffing during periods of reduced activity.

The facility will also include an independent intake services component to receive all youth and provide intensive assessment and intervention services. Its purpose, as with current system operations, will be to divert all youth who pose no significant management problems.

Planning activities for this project included operations analysis, space projections and functional adjacency diagrams for all court, detention and intake components as well as staffing projections for future detention and support operations. Total projected area for the facility will be 140,000 square feet (86,000 detention, 54,000 courts).



**Sedgwick County  
Juvenile Complex  
Organization Diagram**

- security control point
- access control point