

# JUVENILE ASSESSMENT CENTER

## REASONS FOR INVESTIGATION

California Penal Code Section 919 (b) requires that the Civil Grand Jury inspect all detention facilities within Nevada County.

## PROCEDURE FOLLOWED

The Grand Jury inspected the existing facility on January 8, 2001. The inspection of the new Carl F. Bryan, II Juvenile Assessment Center was completed on February 8, 2001. At the time of this inspection, the facility was under construction.

## FINDINGS

1. The existing Juvenile Assessment Center was built in 1955. Its maximum capacity is 19 wards.
2. Wards undergo health, injury and mental health assessments upon entry.
3. Basic education is provided all wards. The school hours meet minimum state standards.
4. Rehabilitative programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management and group and individual therapy are provided.
5. A new 4 x 4 vehicle was purchased to transport wards to and from Truckee or out of county. This purchase was in compliance with a previous Grand Jury recommendation.
6. The Board of Corrections has stated the "physical plant is old and in need of replacement." It has also commended the staff for "their hard work and ability to do their job with limited resources."
7. On March 29, 2000, groundbreaking ceremonies for the new juvenile assessment center took place. This new facility will be a 25,845 square foot building capable of housing 30 wards initially, and upon completion will be capable of handling up to 60 wards.
  - The housing units are designed in pods surrounding the central control center which has direct visual contact with all wards.
  - Each tiered housing unit has a dayroom with access to classrooms and outdoor recreation areas.
  - A full service kitchen, laundry and 4-bed medical isolation unit, located next to the medical clinic, are included.
8. The project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2001.

## CONCLUSIONS

The new Carl F. Bryan, II Juvenile Assessment Center will provide the staff with needed space and security to perform duties and provide wards with expanded educational and rehabilitation programs.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

**RESPONSES REQUIRED**

None