

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF JUVENILE SERVICES

YOUTH REHABILITATION & TREATMENT CENTER
Kearney, Nebraska

PARENT HANDBOOK

Teaching Youth to Think and Act Responsibly



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Contact Information

Directions

The YRTC-K campus is located on the west edge of Kearney, at the top of the hill, north of the intersection of Highway 30 and 30th Avenue.

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Web Site: www.hhs.state.ne.us/jus/yrtc/yrtckindex

History of YRTC-Kearney

The Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney (YRTC-K) was established by the Nebraska State Legislature in 1879 and began receiving young people, both male and female, in July 1881. In 1892, the then Nebraska State Reform School for Juvenile Offenders, became a male-only youth facility with the establishment of the female youth facility in Geneva, Nebraska. The original 320-acre Kearney campus was developed on land donated to the State of Nebraska by the City of Kearney. The State of Nebraska returned nearly 200 acres to the City of Kearney for the development of a city-operated golf course in 1991. On January 1, 1994, the institutional name was changed for the fifth time to the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center by the Nebraska Unicameral. YRTC-K also was placed legislatively under the Office of Juvenile Services within the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. On January 1, 1997, the Unicameral merged the Office of Juvenile Services with four other State agencies to form the Health and Human Services System. On July 1, 2007 HHSS reorganized into the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). DHHS is the parent agency under which YRTC-K is one of nine 24 hour care facilities including three Regional centers, three Veterans Homes, one Development Center, and the two YRTC's. YRTC-K is within the DHHS-Division of Children and Family Services-Office of Juvenile Services.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our mission at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney (YRTC-K) is to help youth live better lives through effective services affording youth the opportunity to become a valued member of the community. The Nebraska Juvenile Courts understand this mission and committed your son to YRTC-K in order to give him this opportunity. The emphasis of our program is to return your son to his home/community so that he may productively enter into adult life.

YRTC-K staff depend upon the youth's family to support him and his efforts. Positive communication with family is a must for all youth. Celebrating his gain in self-worth and knowledge is vital to his success. Your preparation for his return to the community is important to his program success. Your son's worker in the community is his and your link to this preparation through implementation of family centered practice procedures. His community worker will work with him while at YRTC-K. The worker and you will receive monthly case plan updates indicating how your youth is progressing through the program.

We urge you to work in cooperation with YRTC-K staff in supporting your son and his needs. Together, we can turn these opportunities and successes into a productive life for him.

Do not hesitate to ask questions of YRTC-K staff. Without correct information and knowledge no one can succeed in life. Thank you for working with us to assist your son.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jana J. Peterson
YRTC-Kearney Administrator



Orientation

Your son's stay at YRTC-K begins with orientation in the Dickson Living Unit. He will receive information on the program which will help him progress and begin the process of working his way back into the community.

When he arrives at YRTC he will go to the Dickson Living Unit and during this time YRTC-K staff will interview him, review his history and assign him to a group. He will then be attached to a youth group in another living unit.

When he is moved to the living unit, his Youth Counselor will work with him individually, in the group setting, and with you.

He will learn the primary components of the change process and how to identify his thinking errors. He will learn to identify, own & replace those thinking errors so they do not harm others or continue to be self-defeating over time. He will learn to "*Think of the Consequences*" (TOC), how his behavior affects him, and "*Think of Other People*" (TOP), how his behavior affects those around him.

Your son will learn to identify the thoughts, feelings and behaviors that result from his response to an event and how to identify patterns of thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. He will learn to identify the underlying beliefs that influence how he thinks, feels, and behaves in response to an event and what a "behavior plan" is and how to write them.

In doing this he will not only learn to help himself, but he will learn to help those around him.

In 2003, the United States Congress passed the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). In the years following the passage of the Act, the U.S. Department of Justice developed national standards for the detection, prevention, and elimination of sexual abuse and harassment in adult prisons and jails, community confinement facilities, and juvenile facilities.

Beginning August 1, 2013, YRTC-Kearney incorporated best practice PREA standards that pertain to juvenile facilities into daily programming and services offered to our youth residents. This included changes in written policies, procedures, and practices to further ensure that we provide a safe environment for your son. Upon their admission to the YRTC-K, youth will be informed of the YRTC-K Zero Tolerance Policy of sexual abuse and harassment from other youth as well as staff, contractors, and volunteers. Incidents of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are rare at YRTC-K because we have comprehensive ways to ensure the physical and psychological safety of the youth. You may visit the YRTC-K website at http://dhhs.ne.gov/children_family_services/Pages/jus_yrtc_yrtckindex.aspx and click on "Zero Tolerance Policy" to learn more.

As parents, grandparents, and legal guardians you are encouraged to report if your son / grandson / youth for whom you serve as guardian reports to you that he has been sexually harassed or sexually abused. We ask that you call the DHHS Abuse / Neglect Hotline at 1-800-652-1999.

Like you, YRTC-Kearney wants to provide the safest possible environment for the youth we serve.

Living Units

After your son completes orientation he will be assigned to an open living unit within 14 days of admission. The living unit staff and the assigned youth group will help teach your son about the living unit life. Each youth group has an assigned Youth Counselor who is your contact person. Youth Counselors' work shifts are 12:30 to 8:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Your son's youth group will consist of seven (7) to nine (9) youth. This group does all activities together.

Your son will participate in two (2) different types of EQUIP Peer Helping Meetings. These meetings occur five (5) days a week. The first type is the Mutual Help Meetings which are held on Monday- Friday starting at either 4:00 or 6:30 P.M. and last 75 minutes. The second type is the Equipment Meetings which are held on Tuesday and Thursdays. This meeting is designed to allow your son to make positive, rational, and responsible decisions. The Equipment Meetings are 75 minutes in length and at times allows the group to complete two (2) of the Equipment Meeting lessons.

Your son's group will be assigned to living unit details, within and outside the unit. Youth groups will also be assigned to service projects on and off the YRTC-K campus.

To ensure the safety and security of your son, he will be instructed in emergency procedures in the event of a fire or tornado. Fire drills are conducted monthly. Tornado drills are conducted on a seasonal basis.

Each living unit is managed by a Youth Action Planning (YAP) Team which meets weekly. The YAP Team discusses your son's progress, plans unit activities, and sets the on and off campus visitation lists. Please call prior to your visit if you have questions about visitation.



SCHEDULES

DAILY SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH

6:00 a.m.	Wake up
6:00-6:30 a.m.	Personal Hygiene and Clean Unit
6:30-7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Clean Unit
8:30-11:30 a.m.	School Classes
11:30-12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:45-3:45 p.m.	School Classes
4:00-8:00 p.m.	Mutual Help Meetings and Recreation
5:15-6:30 p.m.	Dinner
8:00-9:00 p.m.	Recreation, Schoolwork, etc.
9:00 p.m.	Clean Unit, Prepare for Bed
9:30 p.m.	To Bed and Sleep

WEEKEND / HOLIDAY HOURLY SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH

7:00 a.m.	Wake up
7:30 a.m.	Personal Hygiene and Clean Unit
7:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:00-11:30 a.m.	Unit Work, Activities, Optional Sunday Chapel, Letter Writing
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:30-5:30 p.m.	Unit Work, Recreation, Canteen, etc.
5:15-6:30 p.m.	Supper
6:30-9:30 p.m.	Unit Work, Recreation, Personal Hygiene, Prepare for Bed
9:30 p.m.	To Bed and Sleep

The YRTC-K EQUIP Program

The YRTC-K mission is to help youth live better lives through effective services affording them the opportunity to become law-abiding and productive citizens. This is accomplished through the use of the EQUIP Program. The EQUIP Program's function is to provide opportunities for your son to learn and practice social skills, anger management techniques, and social decision making. In addition, based on your son's individual needs, his YRTC-K program may include: substance use disorder education; individual counseling; academic education; psychiatric/psychological counseling; chemical dependency treatment; trauma counseling; problem resolution; and transitioning to the community.

CASE PLAN

A personalized and comprehensive Case Plan will be developed for your son to help guide him during his YRTC-K stay. The Case Plan goals are designed to help him prepare for his return home.

The Case Plan is developed within 10 business days of arriving at YRTC-Kearney. The Youth Counselor is responsible for the development, monitoring, and procedural completion of your son's Case Plan. The Case Plan will be given to a Living Unit Manager for review and signature prior to the review and signoff by the Youth Counselor, your son, and his community worker. Your son has a copy of his Case Plan to guide him during his program stay. During Family Team Meetings your son's Case Plan will be reviewed and updated.

The Case Plan includes the following: Family name; son's name; age, target date; agency; YRTC-K caseworker (Youth Counselor); thinking errors to be worked on; youth strengths; goals; strategies; progress; resources available at YRTC-K; and resources outside of the YRTC-K to implement plan (i.e. Medicaid, child support).

CASE PLAN UPDATE / 30 DAY SELF REPORTS

The Youth Counselor, in conjunction with the YAP Team, will complete a monthly narrative report to your son's committing judge. This report will be in Case Plan form. Specific comments could include: 1.) The Youth Counselor's observations for the past month regarding his progress on the Case Plan goals including mutual help meetings awarded, thinking errors addressed and Equipment Meeting skills and concepts. 2.) YAP Team comments on progress, thinking errors, personal appearance, attitude, effort on work details, school progress, focal points for your son for the next month, and special areas of note for the past month.

This Case Plan will be read to your son at his request during his mutual help / 30 day self-report meeting. Oral comments from him are included. Once your son has heard the content of the Case Plan, he will sign off which verifies that he has heard the content of the Case Plan and received a copy.

This Case Plan is sent to the committing judge with copies sent to the YRTC-K Administrator, your son's community worker, the YAP Team, and you. If you have any questions about the Case Plan and your son's progress, please contact your son's Youth Counselor.

Education

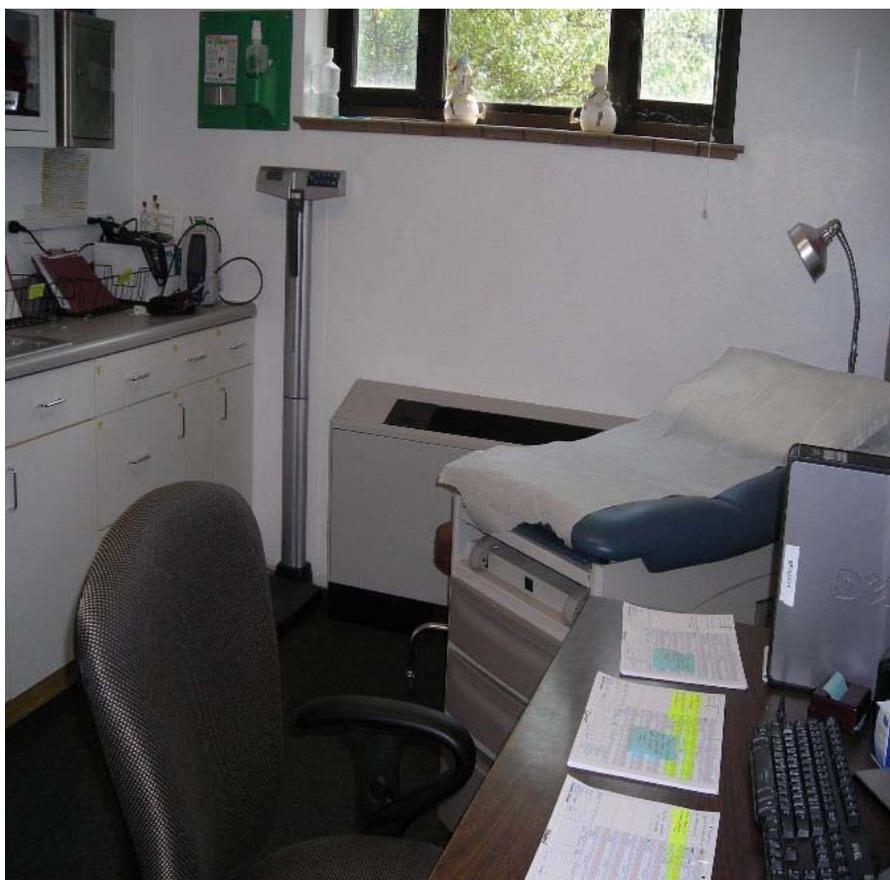
West Kearney High School (WKHS) is accredited by the Nebraska State Department of Education and North Central Association. The school year is composed of six (6) eight (8) week sessions. The WKHS program is designed for students with varied academic abilities and backgrounds. Each student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or an Education Plan designed to meet his academic and pre-vocational needs. Your son's grade placement and curriculum assignments are made after reviewing his academic records and transcripts, along with an on-site psychological appraisal and on-site academic and vocational assessment. The school operates year-round with classes in session from 8:30-3:45pm Monday through Friday with the exception of holidays and school breaks. Your son is expected to complete his assignments to either earn credits toward his high school diploma or prepare him to earn his General Education Development (GED) Certificate. The credits he earns at YRTC-K can be transferred to his home school district and applied toward earning a high school diploma.



Medical

Access to health care is explained to your son in orientation and in his YRTC-K youth manual. An Intake Screening form is used by our orientation unit staff at the time of commitment. Information from this form alerts staff to any immediate problems. A nurse completes a comprehensive nursing assessment of your son within seven days of arrival. A physical examination is conducted by a physician within fourteen days unless records show one was done within ninety (90) days prior to commitment. The contracted physician comes to the facility one (1) day per week. If treatment is needed between physician visits, arrangements are made for transportation to the physician's office for treatment. Youth are given the opportunity daily and are given the responsibility to tell us if he feels sick or has a medical concern or question. When needed emergency and inpatient medical services are provided at Kearney's Good Samaritan Hospital.

The contracted part-time dentist or hygienist also sees your son within seven (7) to fourteen (14) days of arrival and as needed. Outside referrals are made as needed. YRTC-K does not perform orthodontal procedures.



Recreation/Leisure

Recreation and leisure activities are an important part of the program and an essential life skill. Your son will have access to a variety of constructive leisure time activities. Recreation/leisure time activities will be developed and information disseminated and posted for youth and staff. Recreation programs shall be designed to allow each youth to participate in activities beneficial to his personal development while at YRTC-K. Activities may include, but are not limited to, the use of the gym, swimming pool, playground, arts & crafts, and special events. A major portion of the YRTC-K youth sports program are intramural sports. These seasonal sports include softball, flag football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, and beach volleyball. YRTC-K built and continues to expand the Viking Challenge Confidence Course. Getting and staying fit is part of a healthy lifestyle and the program provides these opportunities.



Food Service

YRTC-K provides three (3) balanced meals a day and an evening snack. Menus are planned to meet or exceed the nutritional standards as recommended by dietary guidelines and are approved by a Registered Dietician. Regular dining facility inspections are made by the State Department of Health.

Special diets will be provided for your son when prescribed by YRTC-K medical staff members. Religious diets will also be provided on the recommendation of the YRTC-K Religious Coordinator and with the approval of the Administrator.

Spiritual Program

Religious/spiritual programming is another part of the overall YRTC-K program. Religious programming is available to your son, should he decide to participate. A full-time Religious Coordinator is employed by YRTC-K. Upon request a spiritual leader will be contacted. The religious program consists of regularly scheduled chapel services, Bible study classes, individual counseling and special spiritual programs.

Chapel services are held every Sunday morning in the All Faiths Chapel. If you are visiting your son on Sunday, you may attend Chapel services with him. Please sign in with the Front Office Receptionist prior to chapel attendance.

Bible Study is offered on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



Volunteer Program

The YRTC-K Administration encourages citizen involvement and volunteer programs. The goal of citizen and volunteer programs is to generate a variety of services and experiences for your son. Citizen volunteers participate with youth in Bible studies and other campus and off campus activities.

Community Service/Activities



The primary goal of the YRTC-K youth community service/activities program is to help your son repair his relationship with the community through volunteer services as part of restorative justice. Our youth and staff have a long standing commitment of service to the Kearney area. Youth are led by staff in projects throughout the year. Examples of the collaborative and long standing partnership with YRTC-K for youth include the following: University of Nebraska at Kearney; Kearney Volunteer Fire Department; City of Kearney; Salvation Army; Great Platte River Road Archway; Kearney Goodwill; Habitat for Humanity and the Kearney Humane Society.



Telephone

Your son will be able to make weekly phone calls on the Youth Phone System. The week runs from Sunday to Saturday, similar to visitation. Two of these phone calls will be provided by YRTC-K and two will be paid for by the youth using the debit system. He will be able to make calls to cell phones if authorized. He will purchase phone time by writing a YRTC-K youth check. The amount will be added to his phone account as he makes a call, whether it is to a land line or a cell phone. At the beginning of each phone call, the system will give him the dollar amount available. He must have at least \$0.63 available to make a one minute long distance call – see chart below.

The cost to place a phone call using the debit system is as follows:

	Collect		Debit	
	Connect	Cost/Minute	Connect	Cost/Minute
Local	\$0.70	\$0.00	\$0.57	\$0.00
Intra/Inter State	\$0.70	\$0.05	\$0.57	\$0.06
International			\$0.79	\$0.57

15 minute long distance phone call - \$1.47 – debit system

\$1.45 – collect calling (plus phone company fees and taxes)

Staff are always available to answer questions concerning phone calls.

Upon your son's arrival at YRTC-K, he will be allowed a free phone call to his parents or guardian. This call is to let you know that he is at YRTC-K and he is safe.

Your son will be allowed a weekly phone call:

Collect/debit calls are scheduled:

1. The day you are classified
2. The day of your case plan update
3. Seven day phone call
4. 15 days following your case plan update
5. Seven day phone call
6. The day after you earn release status

Telephone calls are electronically recorded and may be monitored by authorized YRTC-K staff. Use of the Automated Youth Calling System by your son and acceptance of the call by you is consent to record and monitor the conversation by authorized staff.

Your son is not allowed to receive phone calls at any time. If an emergency should arise, please call the YRTC-K Youth Security Supervisor for an injury, death, or serious illness within the immediate family. In these cases arrangements may be made to allow a phone call with a family member. Remember, however, this applies to immediate relatives only. (Immediate relatives are defined as mother, father, siblings, child, or grandparents.)

Mail

Your son may write letters to whomever he chooses, however staff has the right to determine if this correspondence is harmful to his positive development. The program will provide him stamps for two (2) letters a week. One of these stamps must be used to write his parent(s) or guardian(s). Also, YRTC-K will provide stamps for any legal correspondence he may have. He can write his lawyer or Guardian Ad Litem when he needs to. If you feel letters he is receiving are having a negative influence on him, you have the right to request that he stop writing that person.

If your son wishes to correspond with his immediate family in a correctional facility the YRTC-K Administrator will write the Administrator / Warden of the facility. Documentation of the request for correspondence signed by Administrator / Warden will be placed in the youth's file. Your son will need to request this action by speaking with his Youth Counselor.

Your son's mail may not be given to him if it is determined such letters will harm his safety, security, or rehabilitation process. He will be informed as to the reason for not receiving such letters. If his mail is not given to him, it will be returned to sender with reasoning for denial and documented. If the sender wishes to challenge the decision, the Department Grievances Procedure must be used.

Your son **MAY NOT SEAL** his letters. He should be aware that all of his letters may be read by YRTC-K staff if there is just cause. He may seal letters to his lawyer or state officials.

Your son's mail must be opened by a staff member in your son's presence.

He may not receive any food items (cookies, candy, etc.) by mail.

Example of proper YRTC-K mailing procedure:

Your Return Address ----- -----	Stamp
Your Son's Name Here 2802 30 th Ave. Kearney NE 68845	

Clothing, Personal Items & Money

YRTC-K youth are not allowed to wear personal clothing other than approved shoes. Adequate clothing will be provided by YRTC-K. Any personal clothing brought into the YRTC-K facility will be sent to youth's home at his expense. YRTC-K has a central laundry / warehouse that provides all youth clothing and linens. Your son may have one (1) pair of personal tennis shoes if they are **Primarily White** or **Primarily Black**, with **Minimal Accent Colors**. Primarily white shoes must have solid white laces and primarily black shoes must have solid black laces. K-Swiss, British Knights or Nike Cortez shoes are examples that will not be allowed. No boots of any kind will be allowed. If he has his own shoes, your son will be issued one pair of YRTC-K shoes.

One (1) wristwatch and one (1) religious cross or medallion on a single simple chain is the only jewelry allowed. No MP 3 or Compact Disc players or radios are allowed. Living Units are equipped with stereo system. Equipment that will record is not allowed. Your son may be requested to send any unacceptable property home by U.S. Mail at his expense. **YOUR SON ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY.** YRTC-K will not assume liability for your son's personal property and strongly recommends ALL expensive or sentimental personal items remain at home. There is no lending or borrowing of personal property among youth.

The YRTC-K Business Office will establish an account for your son. All funds received for him will be placed in his account and a receipt is issued to the depositor and your son. His monthly YRTC-K allowance of (ten) \$10 will be deposited in his account by the YRTC-K Business Office. The allowance is for purchase of personal hygiene items at the facility's canteen. Your son is not allowed to carry cash. Institutional checks may be written by him for canteen purchases and other special purchases. The Receptionist will receipt any money you would like to deposit in your son's account. Cash or money orders may be sent in letters but sending cash by mail is not recommended. NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. After leaving YRTC-K it takes about six (6) weeks to clear his account and send the balance.

Visits

Visits are an important part of your son's YRTC-K programming and are encouraged throughout his stay. Visits are intended to allow youth and his family to communicate effectively and discuss his YRTC-K progress and his plans when released from YRTC-K. If you have questions after reading the following policy, be sure to ask the YRTC-K Receptionist.

1. Your son may receive visits **ONLY** from immediate family members, (parents, siblings, and grandparents) and legal guardians unless prior approval has been granted. Brothers & sisters at least 21 years of age may visit without their parents, but the Youth Security Supervisor (hereafter YSS), will determine whether or not the visit will be on or off the grounds. The YSS will base the decision on whether or not the juvenile has had other family visitors, verification of the visitor's identity, how well the juvenile is doing in his treatment program and whether or not the juvenile will be living with the brother or sister. Under special conditions, the YSS may give on the grounds visiting privileges to brothers and sisters under the age of 21. Other adults with a sincere interest in your son

such as a member of the clergy or teacher may request approval for a special visit. A special visit is usually thirty (30) minutes in duration. These visits are not counted as his once a week visit and will not interfere with family visits. Visitors will dress appropriately to ensure the safety and security of the institution. Clothing should not be distracting or offensive to other youth or visitors.

2. Daily visiting hours begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Visits are limited to one (1) visitation period of seven and a half hours (7.5) each week. The visitation week runs from 8:00 a.m. Sunday through 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Designated Holidays will be free visit days and not counted toward the weekly visit.
3. To begin each visit, you must register with the Receptionist. You must provide the Receptionist with a photo ID for each visitor over the age of 16. The Receptionist will explain two (2) forms which must be completed prior to the visit beginning.
4. If you remain on the YRTC-K campus, all adults will receive a "Visitor" badge that must be worn at all times during your visit. Your vehicle keys will be secured in the Receptionist office during on campus visits. You may visit in the designed visitation areas which can be explained by the Receptionist – includes indoor & outdoor areas. If these areas become too crowded, notify the Receptionist and other arrangements can be made. **VISITING IN CARS OR IN THE PARKING LOT ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Siblings **WILL** remain under the supervision of parents, grandparents or guardians at all times. Your son is not allowed to smoke, or use alcohol or drugs while on visits. Visitors at YRTC-K are required to leave their personal items in their vehicles or secure them in a locker in the reception area. Visitors will be allowed to bring prepackaged food items or order from local delivery restaurants.
5. Off-campus visits are determined weekly. If your son is eligible to leave the campus during a visit he must be under **constant** supervision of parents, grandparents, or guardians. Local transportation and phone numbers are Kearney Cab Co. 308/234-6725 or RYDE public transportation 308/865-5677. Off campus visits are restricted to the limits of Buffalo County. The only exceptions are a visit to Pioneer Village in Minden or Fort Kearny State Park. If you plan to visit either place, you must inform the Receptionist prior to leaving campus. Your son is not allowed to drive, smoke, or use alcohol or drugs while on visits. **ONCE YOUR SON LEAVES THE YRTC-K CAMPUS ON A VISIT, HE IS TO REMAIN OFF THE CAMPUS DURING THE VISIT. HIS VISIT ENDS WHEN HE RETURNS TO CAMPUS. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO CHECK YOUR SON IN WITH THE RECEPTIONIST AT THE END OF THE VISIT.** If you would like to leave gifts, check them in with the Receptionist at the end of the visit. Expensive items are discouraged. If money is left for the youth, the Receptionist will issue a receipt to the person who leaves the money. No personal checks will be accepted. No food items will be taken back to the living unit.
6. If your son is assigned to Dickson Living Unit due to disciplinary action, only his parents will be allowed to visit. The visit is limited to one (1) two (2) hour period per week from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. **Visitation will no longer be held in Dickson Living Unit. The YSS may place the youth in full mechanical restraints and make arrangements to have a staff member supervise the visit in a room designated in the Administration Building.**
7. We urge you to discuss the following with your son during the visit: How are you doing with schoolwork? What problems are you working to solve? Are you helping yourself

and your group members? Have you spoken with your worker from the community lately and what did you talk about for plans upon leaving YRTC-K?

8. If you misrepresent a visitor i.e. identifying a girlfriend as your son's sister, your future visits may be at risk. If you aid your son's escape, you will be unable to visit in the future and may be subject to legal action. Pursuant to NE Statue 28-912.01, any person who entices or attempts to entice a juvenile away from a facility or program when the juvenile has been legally placed with or committed to the Office of Juvenile Services/YRTC or who knowingly harbors, transports, conceals, or aids in harboring, transporting, or concealing any juvenile who has escaped from the custody of the Office of Juvenile Services/YRTC is guilty of a Class IV Felony.

Follow the rules and have a good visit. If you have questions or need help, make sure you ask the Receptionist, YSS / OD, or other available YRTC-K staff.

LEGAL RIGHTS:

If Law Enforcement contacts the facility and requests to interview your son as a witness or suspect in a crime, he has the right to say no to the interview. Youth have the right to an attorney when questioned by law enforcement. YRTC-K Administrator or designee will contact the YRTC-K contracted attorney when a law enforcement interview request is made.

NOTICE:

If you have a concern or question about YRTC-Kearney we urge you to contact the YRTC-K Administration.

You also may express your concerns about YRTC-Kearney to:

Nebraska State Ombudsman
P.O. Box 94604
Lincoln NE 68509-4712
(800)742-7690

OR

The Department of Health and Human Services Advocate may be contacted by calling or writing to the following address/phone number.

DHHS Advocate
P.O. Box 95026
Lincoln NE 68509-5026
(800)254-4202

