

Comanche County Juvenile Bureau of the District Court 701 SW 17th Street Lawton,
Oklahoma 73501

580-357-2250

Comanche County Regional Juvenile Detention Center Fast Facts

History: Opened its doors in May 1987 as a 15 bed secure custody facility. Expanded by an additional 10, secure beds in 1995.

Ownership: Comanche County.

Operation:

Comanche County Juvenile Bureau of the District Court
315 SW 5th Street, Room 200
Lawton, Oklahoma 73501
(580) 357-4881

Authority: Oklahoma Law requires counties to provide for secure juvenile detention of juveniles as needed (10 O.S. 7304-1.3 C2). The state established a plan for Secure Juvenile Detention Centers that provides funding to certain counties. Comanche County is included in that state plan, and as such, receives state funding for operations. Admissions to the Juvenile Detention Center are authorized by various juvenile courts pursuant to the Oklahoma Juvenile Code.

Funding: Oklahoma Law (10 O.S. 7302-4.1) provides a funding formula for Juvenile Detention Centers included in the state plan. The formula is essentially:

85% to be paid by the State
15% to be paid by the County

(In Comanche County we have been fortunate to work out an annual agreement with the City of Lawton to equally share the 15%). Additional funds are generated through charging regional counties 15% of the daily cost of holding youth from their county.

Why Regional: Oklahoma law (10 O.S. 7302-6.8) and the state plan mandate that Comanche County's Juvenile Detention Center reserve at least 6 beds for regional use.

Licensing: The Juvenile Detention Center is licensed to operate by the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs. The facility also maintains accreditation by the American Correctional Association.