American Jail Association Resolution

Direct Supervision Jails
[Principles of Direct Supervision]

WHEREAS, it has been shown that direct supervision jails offer a safe environment for inmates and staff, and

WHEREAS, direct supervision jails allow for a proactive rather than a reactive approach to inmate management, and

WHEREAS, direct supervision jails are generally economical to build and to operate, and

WHEREAS, direct supervision is defined as a method of inmate management, which ensures continuing direct contact between inmates and staff by posting an officer(s) inside each housing unit, and further a housing unit contains sleeping areas, dayroom space, all necessary personal hygiene fixtures, and sufficient tables and seats to accommodate unit capacity, and

WHEREAS, direct supervision jails are managed in accordance with the Principles of Direct Supervision (attached);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

that the American Jail Association support the concept of direct supervision in planning, designing, constructing, and managing jails.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on November 14, 1992.
Re-affirmed on May 3, 2008, by the AJA Board of Directors in Sacramento, California.
Amended on October 17, 2013, by the AJA Board of Directors in St. Louis, Missouri.

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PRINCIPLES OF DIRECT SUPERVISION

PRINCIPLE I  EFFECTIVE CONTROL
PRINCIPLE II  EFFECTIVE SUPERVISION
PRINCIPLE III  COMPETENT STAFF
PRINCIPLE IV  SAFETY OF STAFF AND INMATES
PRINCIPLE V  MANAGEABLE AND COST-EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS
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