



Thank you for reaching out. We appreciate the opportunity to share the facts about our Dilley Immigration Processing Center (DIPC), which was purpose-built in 2014 under the Obama administration specifically to meet the unique needs of families, including infants and toddlers accompanied by their parents.

We understand and share the concern for the well-being of children. That concern is exactly what drives the more than 400 staff members at DIPC who are dedicated to providing safe, humane and compassionate care to families every single day.

The facility maintains age-appropriate accommodations and supplies to support the health, safety and well-being of infants and toddlers. Families are housed together, and accommodations are designed to support family unity while providing a safe environment for children. Infant and toddler necessities, including diapers, wipes, formula and other essential care items, are available.

### **Healthcare**

The children and their families at DIPC receive healthcare that is clinically rigorous, federally overseen and delivered with dignity. Residents receive:

- **Timely medical evaluation by providers trained in pediatrics**, including general pediatricians, child and adolescent psychiatrists, therapists and psychologists.
- **Trauma-informed mental health screening** at intake, using validated clinical tools, with ongoing reassessment and access to continued support.
- Care from **an interdisciplinary team, including nurses, dentists, advanced practice providers and specialists**, operating within a medical home model to ensure continuity of care.

Healthcare staff, facility personnel and other multidisciplinary team members work collaboratively to identify and address the needs of infants and young children. Parents may request medical evaluation for their children at any time. Staff monitor for concerns related to nutrition, hydration, illness or developmental needs and facilitate timely access to appropriate services.

We would direct you to this [comprehensive statement](#) from CoreCivic's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Kristen Dauss, which provides additional detail on the care provided at DIPC.

### **Food and Water**

**DIPC gets the same clean drinking water the local utility supplies to the surrounding community.** The City of Dilley Water Department conducts monthly independent tests on DIPC's water supply to verify its safety and cleanliness for drinking.



Consumer Confidence water quality reports, which are available for public review, are also provided annually by the City, consistent with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. State officials at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality have also performed their own assessments, confirming that the water is safe and clean for consumption. As an added measure, locations where drinking water is accessed at the facility are equipped with filters to help ensure consistent taste quality.

**DIPC's food program is built around a dietitian-approved rotational menu designed to meet age-appropriate caloric and nutritional standards for children.** Vegetables are offered at every meal, a salad bar with fresh vegetables is available at each sitting, fruit options rotate regularly, and fresh fruit is provided daily within the housing complexes. The facility accommodates a wide range of nutritional needs, including infant formula, stage-appropriate baby foods and purees, whole milk for age-eligible children, modified meal portions, soft-food diets, medically indicated diets and religious dietary requirements.

Beyond three daily meals, **snacks, including milk, juice, fruit and other items, are available in each housing complex** from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and are replenished at least twice daily. Commissary services allow residents to purchase additional or preferred items; all essential nutritional needs are met by the facility at no cost. Medical staff are also available to evaluate and address any nutritional concerns, food allergies or medically necessary diet modifications.

### **Oversight and Compliance**

CoreCivic's facilities operate under multiple independent oversight mechanisms. DIPC operates in compliance with all applicable federal standards, and our government partners have staff onsite daily. In addition to reviews and audits conducted by our government partners, our facilities are regularly subject to independent audits without any prior notice. They also are routinely visited by elected officials, immigration attorneys, community volunteers, and the friends and families of detainees.

### **CoreCivic's Role in Detention**

CoreCivic plays no role in decisions affecting the length of detention. We do not arrest individuals, determine who is detained, or have any authority over when a detainee is transferred, released or removed. Those decisions rest entirely with ICE and the federal government. CoreCivic's contractual role is to provide safe, humane and appropriate care to individuals while they are in ICE custody. Questions about detention length, policy or individual cases should be directed to ICE Public Affairs at [ICEMedia@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:ICEMedia@ice.dhs.gov) and DHS Public Affairs at [MediaInquiry@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:MediaInquiry@hq.dhs.gov). Questions about immigration enforcement policy more broadly are likewise more appropriately directed to those agencies.