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INTRODUCTION

The 2021 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services conducted two on-site facility inspections; staff and youth interviews; and an audit of the state detention standards.

While the proposed Indiana Juvenile Detention Facility Standards are in the process of being promulgated, Detention Facilities had the option to be audited on three hundred one (301) current detention standards or the corresponding two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards.

Dearborn County Detention Center chose to be audited on the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards in 2021, for their 25th annual detention inspection. Of the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) standards audited, sixteen (16) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining two hundred and twenty-one (221) are recommended standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain "Full Compliance." Again, Centers that chose to be audited on the proposed detention standards were only required to meet the expectation of the current detention standards. Dearborn County Detention Center chose to also provide documentation on the extra standards with exclusively new requirements. The breakdown of each audit listed below is only reflective of the current standards.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county:	Dearborn
Governing authority:	Dearborn County Juvenile Center
Name of facility administrator:	Traci Agner
Detention Director:	Traci Agner
Detention facility's mission:	<p>The Dearborn County Juvenile Center has been established for the protection and detention of youth in the least restrictive alternative of care. Specifically, the juvenile center shall provide for the juveniles basic needs, such as shelter, food, clothing and medical care. The Dearborn County Juvenile Center shall also prevent the abridgment of the juvenile's legal rights during his/her detainment at the facility and provide for physical, emotional, religious, educational and social needs of juveniles during detainment. Juveniles will be housed in a safe, secure and humane environment. The Dearborn County Juvenile Center will also maintain the level of security necessary with the Juvenile Center to prevent and assure that juveniles live free of fear from assaults or intimidation by staff or other juveniles.</p>
Rated capacity:	20
Population on date of first audit:	6
Average daily population for the last 12 months:	5
Average length of stay for the last 12 months:	21 days
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):	None
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):	None
De-escalation techniques training:	No specific curriculum used currently
Physical force techniques training:	Aikido Control Training (A.C.T.)
Chemical agents permitted:	No
Name of food service provider:	Dearborn County Law Enforcement Center
Name of Food Service Supervisor:	Kathy Prarat – Jail Matron
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Dr David Dobbs, M.D. – 2 hours a week/contract Ron Phillips, RN – 3 hours a week/contract

Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Melissa Hughes, MSW, LCSW – 2 hours a week
Education Services:	Residents receive all work through their home school districts. Credit recovery is also provided through Plato.

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Standards:	<u>All Mandatory Standards, Security Standards, and Training Plan</u>
Standards Reviewed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty-One Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>16 Mandatory and 35 Recommended</u> • <u>1 Administration Standard, 7 Safety Standards, 23 Security Standards, 3 Food Service and Hygiene Standards, 15 Medical Standards, and 2 Mental Health Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 16 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 34
Auditors:	Rachel McCaffrey, Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone (Inspection) Kristin Herrmann (Files)
Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by Traci Agner. This inspection focused on mandatory standards. Areas such as medical, janitorial closet, kitchen, visitation rooms, search areas, private interview rooms, youth rooms, youth living areas, personal and property areas, mechanical and safety areas were inspected. It was ensured that staff had access to the Emergency Manual.
Youth Interviews:	Four youth were interviewed between both on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	The youth were asked a series of questions regarding mandatory and security standards. The youth stated that they find the facility to be very clean and all items are working correctly in their unit. All the youth said that they had been through a fire drill while at the facility. One youth state that they had been off ground for an appointment and they were taken in a facility vehicle.
Staff Interviews:	Three line staff were interviewed with one of them also being interviewed for control room staff.
Staff Responses:	The staff were asked a series of questions pertaining to the mandatory and security standards. The staff were asked about fire and emergency protocols. The training that they receive is conducted yearly and provided by the local volunteer fire department. The protocol for a tornado is to go to the admin hall with a blanket. High-risk,

	incapacitated, or disabled youth would receive one-on-one assistance. The staff were asked about the information kept in the unit logs and they stated that every movement, visitors, medical, etc. is kept in the log. Lastly they were asked about the protocol about mechanical restraints. The are used in accordance to their training and they only stay on a youth for about ten to fifteen minutes.
Non-compliant Standards:	8-9-5
Recommended Action:	There is no recommended action for this standard.

Standards:	Safety, Justice & Order, and Education Standards
Desk Audit Conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>70 Total Recommended Standards Audited</u> • <u>27 Safety Standards, 37 Justice & Order Standards, and 6 Education Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 65
Auditors:	Kristin Herrmann
Youth Interviews:	Four youth were interviewed between both on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	The youth were interviewed over the safety, justice and order, and education standards. The youth stated that the facility has a reward system for positive behavior and can earn up to three points daily. They talked about receiving a handbook during intake and being able to keep it. They all claimed to understand the rules and sanctions and found them to be fair. All the youth were fairly positive about enjoying the education program and said that they are using an online learning program and that their credits transfer.
Non-compliant Standards:	8-4-10, 8-4-15, 8-4-24
Recommended Action:	There are no recommended actions for the non-compliant standards.

Standards:	<u>Food Service & Hygiene, Medical, Mental Health, and Program Standards</u>
On-Site Audit Conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty-Three Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>16 Food Service & Hygiene Standards, 13 Medical Standards, 4 Mental Health Standards, and 20 Programs & Services Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 2

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 48
Auditors:	Rachel McCaffrey, Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone (inspection) Rachel McCaffrey (files)
Youth Interviews:	Four youth were interviewed between both on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	The youth were asked questions related to food and hygiene, medical, mental health, and program standards. They explained the process of receiving new bedding is that they strip their own beds themselves and sanitize the mattress before receiving clean bedding. Lastly, they were all comfortable in their knowledge of knowing how to access medical for assistance. They all felt like their medical and mental health information was taken seriously and kept confidential.
Non-compliant Standards:	8-8-14 and 8-9-1
Recommended Action:	File was not provided for review (8-9-1).

Standards:	<u>Administration Standards</u>
Desk Audit Conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Sixty-One Total Standards audited</u> <u>61 Administration Standards</u> Number of Standards Not Applicable: 2 Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 50
Auditors:	Kristin Herrmann
Non-compliant Standards:	8-3-16, 8-3-32, 8-3-34, 8-3-36, 8-3-40, 8-3-56
Recommended Action:	There is no recommended action for the non-compliant standards.

Was the facility required to implement a corrective action plan as a result of the audit? **NO**/YES

CONCLUSION

Dearborn County Juvenile Center chose to be audited on the proposed standards, which corresponds with the current (301) detention standards and received a score of 100% compliance with the mandatory standards and 94.44% of the recommended standards.

The facility received a separate scoresheet indicating their level of compliance with the new

proposed detention standards.

Therefore, Dearborn County Juvenile Center is in compliance with the 2021 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services. A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (812) 929-3980 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Honorable James D. Humphrey, Circuit Court
Traci Agner, Director
pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)
File