

# Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services 2021 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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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.

Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center chose to be audited on the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards in 2021, for their 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Robert J. Kinsey Youth 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

<b>Facility county:</b>	Howard
<b>Governing authority:</b>	Judge Circuit Court
<b>Name of facility administrator:</b>	Jeffrey Lipinski
<b>Detention Director:</b>	Jeffrey Lipinski
<b>Detention facility's mission:</b>	The Howard Circuit Court, Robert J Kinsey Youth Center, is established to provide short-term secure and non-secure emergency shelter care for juveniles who are ordered detained or sheltered by the court through wardship. These services will be provided through secure and non-emergency shelter care at both the pre and post adjudicatory stages and throughout wardship and post dispositional secure commitments.
<b>Rated capacity:</b>	20
<b>Population on date of first audit:</b>	9
<b>Average daily population for the last 12 months:</b>	13
<b>Average length of stay for the last 12 months:</b>	23 days
<b>Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):</b>	None
<b>Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):</b>	None
<b>De-escalation techniques training:</b>	Crisis Prevention Interventions (CPI)
<b>Physical force techniques training:</b>	Crisis Prevention Interventions (CPI)
<b>Chemical agents permitted:</b>	Yes
<b>Name of food service provider:</b>	Meals are prepared in-house.
<b>Name of food service supervisor:</b>	Michelle Allen
<b>Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:</b>	Linda Sardin, RN Melissa Garber, RN Nicole Lockwood, MD
<b>Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:</b>	Mary K. Cates-Cullison, LCSW, LCAC
<b>Education Services:</b>	Services are provided by Kokomo School Corporation, which provides 1 licensed teacher and 1 degreed teacher for 35 hours per week. Youth receive instruction through Plato Virtual School, exchange of books and assignment's with local school of record, as well as the Indiana High School Equivalency Test. Kinsey does not receive Title 1 funds.

## Howard County 2020 Audit

<b>Standards:</b>	<b><u>All Mandatory Standards, Security Standards, and Training Plan (8-3-52)</u></b>
<b>Standards Reviewed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Fifty-One Total Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>16 Mandatory and 35 Recommended</u></b></li> <li>• <b><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></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0</li> <li>• Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 16</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 35</li> </ul>
<b>Auditor(s):</b>	Rachel McCaffrey, Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone (Inspection) Kristin Herrmann (Files)
<b>Facility Tour:</b>	The facility tour was conducted by Leah Sand. 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.
<b>Youth Interviews:</b>	Four youth were interviewed between both on-site visits.
<b>Youth Responses:</b>	The four juveniles were asked a series of questions pertaining to the mandatory and security standards. All of them felt comfortable and safe in the facility. One did comment on the temperatures either being too cold or too hot. This concern was told to the detention staff during the debriefing and handled accordingly.
<b>Staff Interviews:</b>	Two line staff were interviewed and one with control room experience.
<b>Staff Responses:</b>	The staff were asked a series of questions regarding mandatory and security standards. They were asked the process for controlling and storing flammable, toxic, and caustic materials. They stated that only supervisors and maintenance have access to the storage that they are kept in. They are able to use mechanical restraints with the supervisors permission but it is very rare occurrence that they do need to be used. During an emergency situation staff provide one-on-one support to a juvenile who is high-risk or disabled.
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	None

<b>Recommended Action:</b>	None
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<b>Standards:</b>	<b>Safety, Justice and Order, and Education Standards</b>
<b>Standards Reviewed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>70 Total Recommended Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>27 Safety Standards, 37 Justice &amp; Order Standards, and 6 Education Standards</u></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 60</li> </ul>
<b>Auditor(s):</b>	Kristin Herrmann (Files)
<b>Youth Interviews:</b>	Four youth were interviewed between both on-site visits.
<b>Youth Responses:</b>	All of the juveniles interviewed were asked questions regarding safety, justice and order, and education standards. They all felt well about the facility's education program and are able to use an online learning program with their earned credits being transferred. All of the youth received a handbook upon admission and were able to have access to the handbook in each of the day rooms. They felt that they understood the rules and sanctions and thought them to be fair.
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	8-6-2 8-6-12 through 8-6-21
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	Facility has no due process for youth.

<b>Standards:</b>	<b><u>Food Service &amp; Hygiene, Medical, Mental Health, and Program Standards</u></b>
<b>Standards Reviewed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Fifty-Three Total Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>16 Food Service &amp; Hygiene Standards, 13 Medical Standards, 4 Mental Health Standards, and 20 Programs &amp; Services Standards</u></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 51</li> </ul>
<b>Auditor(s):</b>	Rachel McCaffrey, Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone (Inspection) Kristin Herrmann (Files)
<b>Youth Interviews:</b>	Four youth were interviewed between both on-site visits.
<b>Youth Responses:</b>	The interviewed youth were asked a series of questions pertaining to food service, hygiene, medical, mental health, and program standards. All of the youth felt confident in knowing how to access medical assistance if they were in need. They also felt that their medical and

	mental health is taken seriously and kept confidential.
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	None

<b>Standards:</b>	<u><b>Administration Standards</b></u>
<b>Standards Reviewed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><b>Sixty-One Total Standards Audited</b></u></li> <li>• <u><b>61 Administration Standards</b></u></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 59</li> </ul>
<b>Auditor(s):</b>	Kristin Herrmann
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	8-3-56
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	Provide training for new supervisor/manager.

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

**CONCLUSION**

Robert J Kinsey Youth 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 94.5% of the recommended standards.

**The facility received a separate scoresheet indicating their level of compliance with the new proposed detention standards.**

Therefore, Robert J Kinsey Youth 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 Lynn Murray, Circuit Court  
Jeff Lipinski, Director  
pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)  
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