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INTRODUCTION

The 2021 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services included 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.

LaPorte County Juvenile Services 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. LaPorte County Juvenile Services 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:	LaPorte
Governing authority:	LaPorte Circuit Court
Name of facility administrator:	Erika Stallworth
Detention Director:	Michael P. Callahan
Detention facility's mission:	To provide services and programs to the juvenile courts of LaPorte County. The primary goal is to effectively service the troubled youth of the county by intervening in the least restrictive manner. LaPorte County recognizes that juveniles, being different from adults, shall be served in a manner different than and separately from adults. The facility is structured to provide services to juveniles as opposed to being punitive and protects juveniles from abuses that might occur in adult institutions. All programs will meet applicable Constitutional, Federal and State laws, local ordinances and standards and regulations set forth by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Indiana Department of Child Services, Indiana Department of Correction and the American Correctional Association. This policy will be reviewed at least annually by the Director, the Judge of La Porte Circuit Court and or his/her designee and the Advisory Board and revised as needed.
Rated capacity:	12
Population on date of first audit:	3
Average daily population for the last 12 months:	2
Average length of stay for the last 12 months:	22
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):	New carpet in the classroom
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):	None
De-escalation techniques training:	Handle with Care
Physical force techniques training:	Handle with Care
Chemical agents permitted:	No
Name of food service provider:	LaPorte County Juvenile Services
Name of food service supervisor:	Kathleen Wilfong
Name of health care authority:	Christy Moss, RN

individual or agency and license/certification:	
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Lynn Roe, LSW Caroline Biernack, LSW Joseph Bunch, LCSW
Education Services:	Education services are provided by La Porte County Juvenile Services. Youth attend school year-round and are eligible to earn credits towards their high school diploma if they are currently enrolled in school when they arrive at the detention center.

LaPorte County 2021 Audit

Standards:	<u>All Mandatory Standards, Security Standards, and Training Plan (8-3-52)</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: 2 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 16 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 34
Auditor(s):	Rachel McCaffrey, Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone (Inspection) Kristin Herrmann (Files)
Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by the facility deputy director. 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 interviewed were asked a series of questions pertaining to the mandatory and security standards. They all stated that they felt safe in the facility. One youth did complain of a sink in their room not working properly. It was shown to not have a consistent flow. This concern was taken to the facility staff and was handled accordingly. The youth said any contact that they have had with their probation officer, attorney, or court official has been made private and kept confidential.

Staff Interviews:	Two-line staff were interviewed, with one having control experience.
Staff Responses:	The staff were interviewed over questions pertaining to mandatory and security standards. When asked about what actions to take during an emergency evacuation or drill, the one in control would be reported to about if an area is truly affected and they would start the process of movement or evacuation. Facility searches are performed multiple times a day at various times. Mechanical restraints are utilized and must be approved by the on-site supervisor.
Non-compliant Standards:	8-5-3
Recommended Action:	Recommended action is for an annual review to be held.

Standards:	Safety, Justice & Order, and Education Standards
Standards Reviewed:	<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: 62
Auditor(s):	Kristin Herrmann
Youth Interviews:	Four youth were interviewed between both on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	The four youth being interviewed were asked a series of question pertaining to the safety, justice, order, and education standards. All of them were positive about the facility education program. They all said that they had received a handbook upon admission and that they felt confident in their understanding of the rules and sanctions. They shared that the facility has a reward system for positive behavior.
Non-compliant Standards:	8-6-2, 8-6-5, 8-6-12, 8-6-13, 8-6-16, 8-6-31, 8-6-33, 8-11-3
Recommended Action:	Recommended action is for due process documentation to be provided.

Standards:	<u>Food Service & Hygiene, Medical, Mental Health, and Program Standards</u>
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Standards Reviewed:	<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: 0 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 48
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Youth Interviews:	Four youth were interviewed between both on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	The youth interviewed were asked a series of questions pertaining to food service, hygiene, medical, mental health, and program standards. All the youth said that they receive three meals a day at regular times and that at least two of the meals are hot or have items with them. During intake they were given all the required items, like shoes, towels, and toiletries. All the youth felt confident that if they needed medical assistance that they knew how to access it. They also felt that their medical and mental health was taken seriously and kept confidential.
Non-compliant Standards:	8-7-14, 8-7-16, 8-8-14, 8-9-4, 8-10-13
Recommended Action:	No recommended action for non-compliant standards.

Standards:	<u>Administration Standards</u>
Standards Reviewed:	<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: 53
Auditors:	Kristin Herrmann
Non-compliant Standards:	8-3-7, 8-3-14, 8-3-22, 8-3-56, 8-3-57, 8-3-65
Recommended Action:	No recommended action for non-compliant standards.

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

CONCLUSION

LaPorte Juvenile Services 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 90.78% of the recommended standards.

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

Therefore, LaPorte Juvenile Services 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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