Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services

2022 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



Porter County Juvenile Detention Center

1660 S. State Road 2

Valparaiso, IN 46835

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On-Site Inspection Dates: May 25, 2022 and September 13, 2022

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**INTRODUCTION**

The 2022 annual juvenile detention facility audits conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services included two on-site facility inspections, staff and youth interviews, and a file review of 2021 documents of the state detention standards.

Detention facilities were audited on the three hundred and one (301) enacted Indiana Juvenile Detention Facility Standards.  Since new, proposed standards were in the process of being promulgated, detention facilities had the option of submitting documentation under the enacted citations for the three hundred and one (301) standards or the corresponding two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed standards.

Porter County Juvenile Detention Center chose to provide documentation corresponding to the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards in 2022, for their 26th 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. Porter County Juvenile 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**

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| **Facility county:** | Porter |
| **Governing authority:** | Porter Circuit Court |
| **Name of facility administrator:** | Alison Cox |
| **Detention Director:** | Alison Cox |
| **Detention facility’s mission:** | To provide safe, secure and temporary custody to juveniles who are accused or adjudicated of conduct subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, who require a physically restricting environment for their own or the community’s protection. |
| **Rated capacity:** | 24 |
| **Population during on-site visits:** | 5 and 6 |
| **Average daily population for the last 12 months:** | 7.15 |
| **Average length of stay for the last 12 months:** | 13.5 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:** | Handle with Care |
| **Physical force techniques training:** | Handle with Care |
| **Chemical agents permitted:** | No |
| **Name of food service provider:** | PCJDC kitchen staff |
| **Name of food service supervisor:** | Pam McKenna |
| **Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:** | Dr. Eric Tchaptchet, MD, Quality Correction Care (QCC)  Cindy Gilbert, RN |
| **Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:** | Mia Johnson, LMHC  Kendyll Pennington, LSW  Porter-Starke Services, Psychologist/Mental Health & Addiction Counselor |
| **Education Services:** | |  | | --- | | The youth work on homework from home schools for those in school. TABE testing for all and then grade appropriate work for those not in school. TASC prep and testing if no longer pursuing diploma. GRADPOINT for credit recovery and grade level work when appropriate. | |

**Porter County 2022 Audit**

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| **April 20, 2022** | **Porter County First Site Visit** |
| **Inspectors:** | Rachel McCaffrey, Laurie Elliott, and Danielle Zagone |
| **Facility Tour:** | The facility tour was conducted by the assistant director, Becky Lutz. |
| **Youth Interviews:** | Two youth were interviewed.  Youth interviews consisted of questions regarding procedure about safety, medical, mental health, programming, education, kitchen, due process, and intake. |
| **Youth Responses:** | Both staff enjoy education and feel that their education is taken seriously and would be given assistance if needed. Both youth felt the facility’s rules and expectations were fair and easy to understand. |
| **Staff Interviews:** | Two line staff were interviewed.  Staff were interviewed over the proper procedures in areas such as safety, security, and intake process. |
| **Staff Responses:** | Both staff were knowledgeable over the emergency procedures for their facility. Both staff were also knowledgeable over their facility’s policy and procedures for security and intake. |

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| **September 13, 2022** | **Porter County Second Site Visit** |
| **Inspectors:** | Rachel McCaffrey and Laurie Elliott |
| **Facility Tour:** | The facility tour was conducted by the assistant director, Becky Lutz. |
| **Youth Interviews:** | Two youth were interviewed.  Youth interviews consisted of questions regarding procedure about safety, medical, mental health, programming, education, kitchen, due process, and intake. |
| **Youth Responses:** | Both youth felt that their medical and mental health was taken seriously and kept confidential from staff and other youth. They, also, felt that any medical or mental health concerns were spoken about in a way that they could easily understand. |

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| **Auditor(s):**  **Kristin Herrmann** | **Porter County Standards Audit** |
| **Administration and Management**  **Standards** | * Sixty-Two Total Standards, 62 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 61 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Administration and Management Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Safety Standards** | * Thirty-Four Total Standards, 6 Mandatory and 28 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 34 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Safety Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Security Standards** | * Twenty-Three Total Standards, 23 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 23 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Security Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Justice and Order Standards** | * Thirty-Seven Total Standards, 37 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 37 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Justice and Order Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Food Service and Hygiene** | * Nineteen Total Standards, 3 Mandatory and 16 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 19 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Food Service and Hygiene Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Medical Standards** | * Twenty-Eight Total Standards, 7 Mandatory and 21 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 28 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Medical Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Mental Health Standards** | * Six Total Standards, 6 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 6 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Mental Health Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Programs and Services Standards** | * Twenty Total Standards, 20 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 20 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Programs and Services Standards:* | *Not Applicable* |
| **Education Standards** | * Six Total Standards, 6 Recommended * Number of Standards in Compliance: 6 * Number of Standards in Non-Compliance: 0 * Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 |
| *Recommended Action for Non-Compliant Education Standards:* | *Not* *Applicable* |

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

**CONCLUSION**

Porter County Juvenile Detention 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 100% of the recommended standards.

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

Therefore, Porter County Juvenile Detention Center is in compliance with the 2022 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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Director of Juvenile Detention Inspections

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cc: Crissy Simmons, Director of External Relations, IDOC

Honorable Mary DeBoer, Circuit Court

Alison Cox, Director

pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)

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