

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 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.

Vigo County Juvenile Justice 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. Vigo County Juvenile Justice 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:	Vigo
Governing authority:	Vigo County Sheriff
Name of facility administrator:	Norman P. Loudermilk II
Detention Director:	Norman P. Loudermilk II
Detention facility's mission:	To hold the detainees safely and securely until ordered otherwise by the court.
Rated capacity:	19
Population on date of first audit:	12
Average daily population for the last 12 months:	18
Average length of stay for the last 12 months:	11 days
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):	Flooring refinished, recreation room ceiling repaired and refurbished, attorney work station
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):	New security system, camera update and addition, as well as pass card
De-escalation techniques training:	Handle with Care
Physical force techniques training:	Handle with Care
Chemical agents permitted:	OC spray
Name of food service provider:	Vigo County Jail
Name of food service supervisor:	Billy Joy
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Dr. Quentin Emerson, Quality Correctional Care (QCC)
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	FSA Counseling Center Hamilton Center Achievement Mentoring Choices Consulting Center
Education Services:	Education services are provided by Vigo County School Corporation. There are 5 licenses teachers on staff. Students are assigned courses on Connexus system based on a needs assessment and then placed in classes that are similar to the courses they are working on at their homeschool. The center offers a remedial reading program called Read Naturally Live when needed to build fluency.

Vigo 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: 0 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 16 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 35
Auditor(s):	Rachel McCaffrey, Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone (Inspection) Kristin Herrmann (Files)
Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by Joshua Nichols. 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. All the youth stated that were comfortable in the facility and felt safe and cared for. They had a positive reaction to the environment and felt that the facility was clean. The youth felt that any contact that they wanted to be made private would be made private.
Staff Interviews:	Two line staff were interviewed with one having control room experience.
Staff Responses:	The staff interviewed were asked a series of questions pertaining to mandatory and security standards. All the staff were able to describe what actions to take during a fire or emergency situation. Facility and room searches are conducted daily at various times. The permanent log on the housing units has information like notification of count to intake, inventory, activity, movement, etc. In the event of a head count being short movement would be halted and there would be a recount and then a search.
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

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: 70
Auditor(s):	Kristin Herrmann
Youth Interviews:	Four youth were interviewed between both on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	The youth interviewed were asked a series of questions pertaining to safety, justice and order, and education standards. All of those interviewed felt positive about the education program and felt that if they asked for assistance that they would be assisted appropriately. They all stated that they were given a handbook to read upon admission and have access to one if the ask. They felt that the rules and sanctions of the facility were fair and understandable
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Standards:	<u>Food Service & Hygiene, Medical, Mental Health, and Program Standards</u>
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: 52
Auditor(s):	Kristin Herrmann and Danielle Zagone (Inspection) Kristin Herrmann (Files)
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. Upon intake they all received the required items such as clothing, shoes, and toiletries. One youth had a food restriction and said that they did receive substitutes to replace what they could not have. All the youth

	felt confident that they would be able access medical assistance if needed. They felt that their medical and mental health information was taken seriously and kept confidential.
Non-compliant Standards:	8-8-17
Recommended Action:	Recommended action is to have documentation of a health care practitioner available at least once a week.

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: 1 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 60
Auditor(s):	Kristin Herrmann
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

CONCLUSION

Vigo County Juvenile Justice 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 99% of the recommended standards.

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

Therefore, Vigo County Juvenile Justice 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 Dan Kelly, Circuit Court
Norman E. Loudermilk II, Director
pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)
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