

Indiana Department of Correction  
2014-Juvenile Detention Standards- Compliance Report

Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center  
202 Crawford Street  
Terre Haute, IN 47807  
July 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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**I. Introduction**

The annual inspection of the Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center, for compliance with the Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards, pursuant to 210 IAC 6, was conducted on July 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2014, by the following team: representing the IDOC, Division of Youth Services was Kellie Whitcomb, Director of Re- Entry and External Relations; Chance Sweat, DYS, Director of Juvenile Detention Inspections; Laurie Elliott, Executive Director, Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana and Michelle Mosier, Compliance Monitor, Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana

The 2014 inspection constitutes the 11<sup>th</sup> annual inspection of the Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center. The inspection consisted of the facility tours, staff and youth interviews, and a review of policy, procedure, demonstrated practice as related to the Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and at least 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain “Full Compliance” in accordance with the aforementioned code.

**II. Facility Demographics**

Rated Capacity: 19  
Actual Population: 18  
Average Daily Population for the last 12 months: 11  
Average Length of Stay: 2 days  
Full Time Staff: 19  
Part- Time Staff: 13  
Contracted Staff:  
Counties served: Vigo  
Data system: Cisco

**III. Facility Description**

The Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center is located in the city of Terre Haute, Indiana. The Justice Center opened in 2001. The Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center contains 19 secure beds, and is connected to Juvenile Court and Juvenile Probation offices.

The Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center Director is James Jenkins. The Vigo County Sheriff Department is the facility’s governing authority.

The 19- co-ed bed detention facility consists of Main control station, 2- housing units/pods 16- single bed cells 3- double bunks cells and 2- holding intake cells. Each cell consist of a toilet, sink and

desk), each unit/pod shares a single day room area with game tables, dual showers, and storage closets, with numerous surveillance cameras.

The outside perimeter of the facility is equipped with surveillance cameras.

#### **IV. Facility Tour**

The team toured the entire facility. Lt. Tracy Kiefling, Senior Supervisor accompanied the team on the tour and responded to the team's questions concerning facility operations. The facility was found to be neat, clean, and orderly.

#### **V. Conditions of Confinement**

##### **A. Security**

Detention staff are trained to use Non- violent Crisis Intervention CPI techniques with the youth.

##### **B. Environmental Conditions**

The detention center opened in 2001 and offers a safe and secure environment. The detention center is clean and orderly. Sanitation in the facility was found to be above standard. The resident's furniture is functional and in good condition.

The staff uniforms consist of blue BDU- type pants and detention- specific shirts, utility belts and black work boots while on duty.

Resident's at the Detention Center wear white T- shirts tops, orange colored scrub type shirts and pants with shower shoes and their own gym shoes when participating in recreation activities.

##### **C. Food Service**

Meals are prepared on site by Canteen Food Service Company. In April 2014 the facility kitchen passed inspection from ISDH. The youth receive and eat their meals in the dayroom area of the housing unit/pods.

##### **D. Medical Services**

The Center medical service's is provided through a private physician, Dr. Kyurpatel with on-call nursing staff from Premier Health care.

The detention center mental health care services are provided by Family Services Association.

### **E. Educational Program**

The education program is overseen by Gary Delmo from Vigo County Schools. The education program is made up of 1- licensed teacher, provided by Vigo County Community Schools. The Youth resident's attend school daily 12 months a year, Monday thru Thursday 4 hours per day.

Points of concern:

- Youth reported that they are only in school between 20 minutes to 1 ½ hours per day, four days per week.

### **F. Visitation**

The Detention Center provides visitation area for youth and their parents or guardians at least once per week.

### **VI. Interviews**

Staff gave us privacy and allowed access to all juveniles. Youth interviewed reported that they know the rules, felt safe and all were very positive about the staff. All youth were able to call a parent or guardian when they arrived at the center. All juveniles knew how to access medical, mental health care and their attorney

### **VII. Special Affiliations**

Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center participates in the Indiana Juvenile Detention Association (IJDA), and the Indiana Mental Health Screening, Assessment, and Treatment Project.

### **VIII. Inspection Findings**

#### **A. Review of Folders**

- Folders are maintained electronically and were well organized and easy to read.

#### **B. Recommendations**

- Implement the practice of making the policy manual accessible to all employees and the public.

#### **C. Non- applicable and Non- compliant Standards**

Of the 275 recommended compliance standards, zero (0) were identified as non-applicable and (1) was found to be non-compliant. A list of these standards is attached to this Compliance Report.

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**IX. Conclusion**

The Vigo County Juvenile Justice Center was founded to be in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 99.64% of the recommended standards. The facility was well maintained and organized. The staff was very respectful, helpful and informative. A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Standards determined to be non- applicable and non- compliant from Total 301 Standards  
(26 Mandatory and 275 Recommended)**

**1- Non-Compliant:**

- 2.92- The number of juveniles does not exceed the facility's rated bed capacity. (ACA-2B-06)

**Comments:** *Facility exceeded bed capacity*

**0- Non-Applicable:**