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Honorable Vicki Carmichael, Judge
Circuit Court 4
501 E. Court Avenue Room 404
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

**RE: 2012 Inspection – Clark County Juvenile Detention Center
Conducted: August 6, 2012**

Dear Judge Carmichael:

As required by 210 IAC 6, an inspection of the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center was conducted on August 6, 2012 by Indiana Department of Correction Detention Inspectors Director Tom Hanlon, Shannon Bowling, Vanessa Krause, and Esther Hinton.

The Clark County Juvenile Detention Center operates a fourteen bed detention facility located at 609 Meigs Avenue, Jeffersonville, Indiana. Lyda Abell is the Facility Director and Jennifer Snawder is the Assistant Director.

This inspection constitutes the sixteenth-annual inspection of the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center. Compliance with all mandatory standards and at least 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain a certificate of Full Compliance from the Indiana Department of Correction. The inspection included a review of all standards, a tour of the facility and interviews with detention staff and residents. Juveniles offered no instances of abuse and no complaints about conditions were noted. Staff were well versed in policy and procedure, and offered support for administration.

Summary of Tour:

1. Several food items for student meals in the refrigerator were open and were not dated with date of use. This was immediately addressed and corrected.
2. Juveniles interviewed were complimentary of staff and available programming.

Review of Folders:

1. Folders were very over documented in many cases which made it difficult to locate relevant material. Recommended highlighting and placing bullets next to relevant material.

2. Recommend improving documentation of “practice” in folders.
3. Recommended documentation of staff training is completed in a more uniform manner.

Standards found to be non-compliant:

Standard # Remarks

210 IAC 6-3

3-2.92 The number of juveniles does not exceed the facility’s rated bed capacity. (ACA-2B-06)

Juvenile population has at times throughout the year exceeded the rated bed capacity.

3-2.102 Handicapped juveniles are housed in a manner that provides for their safety and security. Rooms or housing units used by the handicapped are designed for their use and provide for integration with the general population. Appropriate facility programs and activities are accessible to handicapped juvenile confined in the facility. (ACA-2C-09)

The facility does not contain a handicapped accessible cell.

3-4.218 Written policy, procedure, and practice provide an approved shower schedule which allows daily showers and showers after strenuous exercise. (ACA-4B-13)

Student showers are scheduled prior to recreation in the facility schedule.

The facility was found to be in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards, and 98.9% of the recommended standards. Attached is a certificate of Full Compliance issued to the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center. This report becomes public information (10) ten days from the date of mailing. Please contact me at (317) 833-8806 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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