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The Honorable Thomas Alevizos, Judge
LaPorte County Circuit Court
813 Lincolnway, Suite 303
LaPorte, Indiana 46350

RE: LaPorte County Juvenile Detention
2012 Juvenile Detention Standards Inspection

Dear Judge Alevizos:

As required by 210 IAC 6, an inspection of the LaPorte County Juvenile Detention Center was conducted on May 31, 2012. Detention Inspectors from the Indiana Department of Correction conducting the inspection were Vanessa Krause, Esther Hinton and Shannon Bowling.

The LaPorte County Juvenile Detention Center is located at 0364 S. Zigler Road in LaPorte, Indiana 46350. The facility was built in 1991 and accommodates 12 juveniles. The Detention Director is Dennis Orr and the Facility Director is Erika C. Stallworth.

This inspection constitutes the sixteenth annual inspection of the LaPorte County Juvenile Detention Center. 100% compliance with all mandatory standards and at least 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain "Full Compliance".

The inspection included a review of all mandatory and recommended standards, a tour of the facility, and detention staff and residents were interviewed. 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:

- All chemical, flammables, caustics, and aerosols were controlled, secured and inventoried daily. All inventories were accurate and well maintained.
- Temperature Logs in the Food Service and Medical refrigerators were maintained daily.
- Sharps inventories in the Medical Department were well organized and accurately maintained.

- Some excessive lime was observed in the sinks located in student rooms

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Summary of Folders:

- Folders are maintained electronically.
- Folders were well organized and easy to read.
- It was suggested that folders with multiple points of interest should contain bullets

Recommended Standards found to be in non-compliance:

Standard #	Remarks
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210 IAC 6	
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3-3.135	
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Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that supervisory staff conduct a daily inspection, including holidays and weekends, of all areas occupied by juveniles and submit a daily written report to their supervisor. Unoccupied areas are to be inspected weekly.

Documentation of a weekly inspection of unoccupied areas was not provided.

3-4.202	
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Written policy, procedure, and practice provide for weekly inspection of all food services areas, including dining and food preparation areas and equipment; sanitary, temperature-controlled storage facilities for all goods; and daily checks of refrigerator and water temperatures by administrative, medical, or dietary personnel.

Documentation of a weekly inspection of all food service areas was not provided.

3-4.207	
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Written policy, procedure, and practice require weekly sanitation inspections of all facility areas.

Documentation of a weekly sanitation inspection of all facility areas was not provided.

3-4.217

Written policy, procedure, and practice provide for the issue of suitable clean bedding and linen, including two sheets, pillow and pillow case, one mattress, and sufficient blankets to provide comfort under existing temperature controls. There is provision for linen exchange at least weekly. Policy and procedure will address the special linen needs of the juveniles.

Students do not receive sheets.

The facility was found to be in compliance with 100% of all mandatory standards, and 98.51% of the recommended standards. Attached is a certificate of "Full Compliance" issued to the Center. This report becomes public information ten (10) working days from the date of mailing. Please contact me should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Bowling
Detention Inspector

Cc: Tom Hanlon, Director, Program Review Division, IDOC
Erika C. Stallworth Director,
LaPorte County Juvenile Detention Center file