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Honorable Mary Harper
Porter County Circuit Court
16 Lincoln Way
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383

**RE: 2012 Porter County Juvenile Detention Inspection
Conducted May 30, 2012.**

Dear Judge Harper:

As required by 210 IAC 6, an inspection of the Porter County Juvenile Detention Center was conducted on May 30, 2012. Conducting the inspection were Vanessa Krause, Esther Hinton and Shannon Bowling.

The Porter County Juvenile Detention Center is a 24-bed secure detention facility built in 1994. The Center is located at 1660 South State Road 2, Valparaiso, Indiana. The Director is Alison Cox, and the Assistant Director is Becky Lutz.

To attain "Full Compliance" the facility must comply with 100% of all mandatory standards, and at least 90% of all applicable recommended standards. This is the sixteenth annual inspection of the Porter County Juvenile Detention Center.

This inspection consisted of a tour of the facility, a review of all mandatory and recommended standards, and interviews with detention staff and residents. Detention staff was well versed in policy and procedure and they were very supportive of administrative staff. Residents interviewed offered no complaints or incidents of abuse or neglect.

Summary of Tour:

- During the inspection and in reviewing documentation pertaining to water/plumbing issues, numerous problems were noted with the facilities plumbing. Recommend that the issues of water damage to the toilets, leaking roof areas, and leak in boiler room are repaired or replaced. This will help enhance the quality of life for the residents.

- MSDS sheets were not located in same area as chemicals
- Excessive lint was found in dryers of laundry area which constitutes a fire hazard.

Summary of Folders:

- The folders are currently electronic and appear to work properly.
- The folders were assembled for easy interpretation with good supporting documentation.
- Use bullets on the standards and the checklist to point out all pertinent documentation to the standard.
- Ensure annual reviews are completed and dated for all the policies.

The following standards were found to be in non-compliance:

Standard # Remarks
210 IAC 6-

3-4.218 Written policy, procedure, and practice provide for an approved shower schedule which allows daily showers and showers after strenuous exercise.

Students are not provided access to a shower after strenuous exercise.

3-4.226 When sick call is not conducted by a physician, a physician is available once each week to respond to juveniles' complaints regarding service they did or did not receive from other health care personnel. (ACA-4C-08)

No Doctor available for sick call.

The facility was found to be in compliance with 100% of all mandatory standards, and 99.26 % of all recommended standards. Attached is a certificate of "Full Compliance" issued to the Center. This report becomes public information (10) ten days from the date of mailing. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Bowling
Detention Inspector

Cc: Tom Hanlon, Director, Program Review Division, IDOC
 Alison Cox, Director, Porter County Juvenile Detention Center