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On-Site Inspection Dates: 4/9/2021 and 9/1/2021

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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.

Allen County Juvenile Center chose to be audited on the current three hundred one (301) juvenile detention facility standards in 2021, for their 25th annual detention inspection. Of the three hundred and one (301) standards audited, twenty-six (26) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining two hundred and seventy-five (275) are recommended standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain "Full Compliance."

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county:	Allen
Governing authority:	Allen Superior Court
Name of facility administrator:	Shane Armstrong
Detention Director:	Shane Armstrong
Detention facility's mission:	The Allen County Juvenile Center views the concept of detention as being able to provide the community a continuum of services directed toward meeting the needs of individual juveniles who, for the protection of the community themselves, must temporarily be removed from their homes
Rated capacity:	114
Population during on-site visits:	26/43
Average daily population for the last 12 months:	23
Average length of stay for the last 12 months:	25 days
Year the building was built:	2004
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):	Painting/refinish outdoor rec area. Scheduled for a complete overhaul of cameras for the secure and non-secure portions of the facility.
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):	Some IP cameras added
De-escalation techniques training:	Handle with Care
Physical force techniques training:	Handle with Care
Chemical agents permitted:	No
Name of food service provider:	Trinity Services Group
Name of food service supervisor:	Adam Smith
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Regina Humphrey, Nurse Practitioner
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Klinton Krouse, HSPP Rebecca Kelley, LMHC Keisha Thierry, LAC
Education Services:	Full day secondary program administered by the local school district. Evening HSE/adult education classes administered by the local school district.

Allen 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-Four Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>26 Mandatory and 28 Recommended</u> • <u>1 Administration Standard, 15 Safety Standards, 27 Security Standards, 4 Food Service and Hygiene Standards, and 7 Medical Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 26 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 28
Auditor(s):	Rachel McCaffrey, Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone (Inspection) Kristin Herrmann (Files)
Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by Shane Armstrong. 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.
Youth Interviews:	Two youths were interviewed on each visit. Responses are from both on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	Youth were asked a series of questions pertaining to the mandatory and security standards. Two of the youth stated they had been taken off grounds to attend medical appointments outside of the facility. There were taken to these appointments via a facility vehicle. All of the youth interviewed stated that they had been in a fire drill at this facility and that the drills can happen anywhere from one to three times a month. A couple of the youth complained of either being cold or warm. These concerns were gone over during the debriefing with the director.
Staff Interviews:	Two line staff were interviewed with one of them working line and control.
Staff Responses:	Staff members were asked a series of questions have to do with mandatory and security standards. Both staff members went over procedure of a fire drill. They said fire drills were simulated as if a real fire was occurring. They went on to explain that any disable, incapacitated, or high-risk juveniles would receive either one on one care or given special assistance in the event of an emergency. Staff then went on to explain that they receive training over their suicide

	prevention program and that the doctor gives this training to them yearly. They described their unit logs having information about any movement, grooming, mealtimes, any issues with a resident throughout the day, and fire drills.
Non-compliant Standards:	3-1.24
Recommended Action:	There is no recommended action for the non-compliant standard.

Standards:	Safety, Justice & Order, and Education Standards
Standards Reviewed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ninety-One Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>6 Education Standards, 45 Justice & Order Standards, 40 Safety Standards (Recommended)</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 91
Auditor(s):	Rachel McCaffrey (Files)
Youth Interviews:	Two youths were interviewed on each visit. Responses are from both on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	Youth were asked a series of questions regarding the safety, justice and order, and education standards. All youth stated that they are checked in on regularly and room checks are performed, as well. All youth said that they had received their handbooks and were able to keep their copy. All the youth felt comfortable with education program in the facility and were about to transfer their credits and were able to use an online learning program.
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>Seventy-Eight Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>17 Food Service and Hygiene Standards, 31 Medical Standards, 6 Mental Health Standards, 24 Programs and Services Standards (Recommended)</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 78
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Youth Interviews:	Two youths were interviewed on each visit. Responses are from both on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	Youth were asked a series of questions regarding food service and hygiene, medical, mental health, and program standards. All the youth said that they receive three meals a day at regular times with two of three meals being warm or hot. They all said that the food tasted okay. All youth stated that they knew how to request access to medical assistance. When asked if they felt like their medical and mental health was taken seriously and kept confidential, they all stated that they felt that it was.
Non-compliant Standards:	3-4.252, 3-5.266, 3-5.279
Recommended Action:	There is no recommended action for the non-compliant standards.

Standards:	<u>Administration Standards</u>
Standards Reviewed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Seventy-Eight Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>78 Total Administration Standards, Recommended</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 2 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 66
Auditor(s):	Rachel McCaffrey (Files)
Non-compliant Standards:	3-1.12, 3-1.15, 3-1.45

Recommended Action:	There is no recommended action for the non-compliant standards.
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Inspection Results based on CURRENT STANDARDS:

	Mandatory	Recommended
Total Standards Audited - 301	26	275
Number of Standards Not Applicable	0	0
Number of Standards in Non-Compliance	0	7
Number of Standards in Compliance	26	268
Total Percentage of Compliance	100%	97.81%

Was the facility required to implement a corrective action plan as a result of the audit? **NO**/YES

CONCLUSION

Allen County Juvenile Detention Center is in full 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 Andrea R. Trevino, Superior Court
Shane Armstrong, Superintendent
pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)
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