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2015 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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## INTRODUCTION

Due to new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards being promulgated with the intent to implement in 2016, the Facility Inspection will consist of a review of only the 26 mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance” in accordance with the aforementioned code. The Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services provided five (5) Training Sessions and technical assistance to assist facilities coming into compliance with the new standards.

Therefore, the 19<sup>th</sup> annual evaluation of the Allen County Juvenile Center had three components: inspection for compliance with the 26 mandatory standards located in 210 IAC 6; participation in trainings on the new detention center standards to take effect in 2016; and participation in technical assistance offerings for compliance with the new detention center standards.

## FACILITY INFORMATION

<b>Facility county</b>	Allen
<b>Governing authority</b>	Allen Superior Court

<b>Name of facility administrator</b>	Shane Armstrong
<b>Detention facility's mission</b>	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 or themselves, must temporarily be removed from their homes. The need for security measures within the detention program of the Allen County Juvenile Center is recognized and can be implemented to the degree necessary to provide the controls needed for the care, protection, and treatment of each juvenile. Although the juvenile is being detained, even for a short period of time, the Allen County Juvenile Center believes that each juvenile should be treated with respect and provided opportunities to act in a responsible self-enhancing manner. This is accomplished through a varied and active program of education, recreation, counseling, aggression management, and social competence programming. Allen County Juvenile Center believes that this is the most productive atmosphere in terms of the juvenile being prepared for the return home or to a future placement facility. In implementing this philosophy, the Allen County Juvenile Center relies primarily upon the ability of all staff members at the facility to establish constructive relationships with the juveniles that are detained. Through the programming we offer and the relationship that we help them to experience, some degree of trust, responsibility, and meaningful activity is produced. This requires, on the part of the staff members, a high degree of sensitivity, respect, trust, and ability to demonstrate concern for, and to communicate with children who are hostile, alienated, and either unwilling or unable to engage in constructive relationships with adults. The Allen County Juvenile Center and its employees are dedicated to serving the needs of the Allen County community and its residents.
<b>Rated capacity</b>	140
<b>Population on date of audit</b>	68
<b>Average daily population for the last 12 months</b>	78
<b>Average length of stay for the last 12 months</b>	17 days
<b>Year the building was built</b>	2004
<b>Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)</b>	Periodic painting and repairs, as needed.
<b>Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)</b>	None
<b>De-escalation techniques training</b>	Handle with Care
<b>Physical force techniques training</b>	Handle with Care
<b>Chemical agents permitted</b>	No
<b>Name of food service provider</b>	Aviands

<b>Name of food service supervisor</b>	Mallie Rowlett
<b>Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Danielle Stapleton, RN
<b>Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Michael Scherbinski, Psychologist

### INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

<b>Auditors</b>	Chance Sweat and Amy Karozos
<b>File Review of the 26 mandatory standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant.</li> <li>• Allen County Juvenile Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.</li> </ul>
<b>Facility Tour</b>	The Center was clean, orderly, and well-maintained.
<b>Youth Interviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four youth (two male and two female) were interviewed about their experiences at the Center.</li> <li>• Youth reported feeling safe at the facility.</li> <li>• All four youth stated they did not receive enough food at mealtimes and felt hungry throughout the day, despite receiving snacks. (The facility follows the National School Lunch Program dietary guidelines.)</li> <li>• All four youth stated feeling the temperature in their sleeping rooms was too cold at night to sleep despite receiving an extra blanket.</li> <li>• Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement a policy, procedure, and practice of cleaning or disinfecting all juvenile clothing upon intake.</li> </ul>

### SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 8/07/2015, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Allen County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Armstrong. Youth were observed in the dayroom area for leisure time, and the facility population count was 63 youth. The education department was not in session due to summer break. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained; sanitation levels in the facility were found to be above average.

### PARTICIPATION IN NEW DETENTION CENTER STANDARDS TRAINING

<b><u>Introduction to the new standards</u></b>	Shane Armstrong, Director of Detention
<b><u>Preparing for an Inspection</u></b>	Todd Stubbs, Director of Security
<b><u>Administration and Management Standards</u></b>	Al Lane, Youth Care Specialist
<b><u>January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015</u></b>	Gabe Silva, Shift Supervisor
<b><u>Safety Standards</u></b>	Shane Armstrong, Director of Detention

<b><u>Security Standards</u></b> <b>March 10, 2015</b>	Al Lane, Youth Care Specialist Gabe Silva, Shift Supervisor
<b><u>Programs and Services Standards</u></b> <b><u>Education Standards</u></b> <b>June 2, 2015</b>	Shane Armstrong, Director of Detention Al Lane, Youth Care Specialist Gabe Silva, Shift Supervisor
<b><u>Medical Standards</u></b> <b><u>Mental Health Care Standards</u></b> <b>July 21, 2015</b>	Shane Armstrong, Director of Detention Al Lane, Youth Care Specialist Gabe Silva, Shift Supervisor Michael Scherbinski, Psychologist
<b><u>Food Service and Hygiene Standards</u></b> <b><u>Justice and Order Standards</u></b> <b>September 29, 2015</b>	Shane Armstrong, Director of Detention Al Lane, Youth Care Specialist Gabe Silva, Shift Supervisor

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Allen County Juvenile Center's technical assistance visit occurred on October 15, 2015 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Michelle Mosier. The facility was asked to prepare 10 standard files for review. The technical assistance provided included reviewing the 6 files presented and addressing the facility's plan to meet the education, medical, and mental health standards. Future technical assistance will be offered in 2016, or as requested by the facility.

## CONCLUSION

Allen County Juvenile Center is in full compliance with the 2015 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 (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Honorable Thomas, J. Felts, Allen Circuit Court, pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)  
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