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INTRODUCTION

The 2018 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services consisted of three on-site facility inspections; staff and youth interviews; and an audit of the state detention standards. The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Facility Standards are in the process of being adopted. Detention Facilities had the option to be audited utilizing the all of the current detention standards or the corresponding two hundred and one (201) specifically selected proposed new juvenile detention facility standards.

Youth Care Center chose to be audited on the two hundred and one (201) new juvenile detention facility standards in 2018, for their 22nd annual detention inspection. Of the two hundred and one (201) standards audited, sixteen (16) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining one hundred and eighty-five (185) are recommended standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain "Full Compliance". Centers that chose to be audited on the proposed detention standards were only required to meet the expectations of the current detention standards.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county:	Bartholomew
Governing authority:	Bartholomew County Circuit Court
Name of facility administrator:	Anita Biehle
Detention Director:	Anita Biehle
Detention facility's mission:	<p>Our mission is to respond to the community's needs with a continuum of care, programming, services, and advocacy for minors under the jurisdiction of the court in settings that are safe for both the community and youth.</p> <p>We will treat each youth with respect and dignity, holding them to appropriate behavioral expectations through a system of rewards and consequences that are applied in a fair, firm and consistent manner which is conducive to their personal growth and development.</p>
Rated capacity:	16
Population on date of first audit:	6
Average daily population for the last 12 months:	6
Average length of stay for the last 12 months:	18 days
Year the building was built:	1965- renovated 2006-2007
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):	N/A
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):	N/A
De-escalation techniques training:	The Mandt System
Physical force techniques training:	The Mandt System
Chemical agents permitted:	No
Name of food service provider:	Bartholomew County Youth Services Center
Name of food service supervisor:	Logan Freck
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Brenda Korter, NP
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Beth Maass
Education Services:	Services are provided by the detention center. The center has 2 licensed teachers 40 hours per week. The residents participate in school programming 6.5 hours a day 5 days a week. Youth receive instruction

	through GradPointe online, course assignments from school of record, Accelerated Reader and Intake Reading Assessment Test. The facility receives title 1 funds in the amount of \$4,295.
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INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 201 DETENTION STANDARDS

Standards:	<u>Safety; Security; and Food Service & Hygiene</u>
On-site Visit conducted 6/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sixty (60) Total Standards audited</u> • Nine (9) mandatory standards • Fifty-one (51) recommended standards • Three (3) standards were identified as non-applicable. • Zero (0) mandatory standards were left open for further action. • Three (3) recommended standards were left open for further action.
Auditors:	Angela Sutton and Kristin Herrmann
Facility Tour:	6/12/18-The tour was conducted by Director, Anita Biehle. Areas toured were the youth living area, youth rooms, property rooms (personal property and facility property), janitorial closet, visitation room and search area, private interview space, administrative, security areas and mechanical room, recreation and dining area.
Youth Interviews:	One (1) male youth was interviewed.
Youth Responses:	The youth reported feeling safe at the facility and had not been involved in any fights while at the facility. The youth reported that everything works fine, that there are no bugs in the facility, and that the temperature is comfortable. The youth stated that there was no count performed daily that he was aware of. He had participated in a fire drill and was able to explain the procedures. The youth stated that he is aware of how to access medical care and it takes medical about 20 minutes to see a youth. The youth reported they receive 3 meals a day, with at least 2 being hot meals, and that the food is “okay”. The youth reported he receives clean clothes every day and clean bedding once a week. He had been placed in restraints before and thought he stayed in the restraints about six minutes. He said they were removed once he calmed down. He was seen by medical. The youth didn’t have any suggestions for improving the facility.
Staff Interviews:	2 line staff and a control room officer were interviewed. Interviews consisted of questions regarding facility temperature, emergency and count procedures, handling toxic chemicals, sanitation procedures, log documentation, transportation procedures, restraint procedures and distribution of clean linen, clothing, and hygiene items.

Staff Responses:	Line staff answers were consistent in regards to evacuating emergency procedures. Staff reported that the staff do not need supervisor approval to apply restraints and that restraints are removed once the youth is compliant. Medical assesses the youth if they are on site. Youth receive 1 shower a day and clean clothing every day.
Non-compliant Standards:	8-4-11-Juvenile housing in facilities constructed prior to 2014 8-4-13- plumbing fixtures 8-4-15-Security rooms
Action Plan:	None

Standards:	<u>Justice & Order; Medical: and Mental Health</u>
On-site Visit conducted 8-22-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty (50) Total Standards audited</u> • Seven (7) mandatory standards • Forty-three (43) recommended standards • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable. • Zero (0) mandatory standards were left open for further action • Zero (0) recommended standards were left open for further action
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Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by Director Anita Biehle. The youth were in recreation walking during the tour. The facility was clean and orderly.
Youth Interviews:	1 male youth was interviewed. The youth was asked questions regarding the intake/orientation process, rules, reward system, attorney contact, grievances, mental health/medical responsiveness.
Youth Responses:	The youth was able to make a call to notify his parents upon arrival, received orientation, and was informed of the programs, including the rules. The youth reported that he received a medical and mental health screening, but not a dental screening. The youth reported that he is able to write letters to his family whenever he wants. The youth reported that there is a facility reward system which allows youth to be the “wing leader”, wear their personal shoes, take a longer shower (10 minutes), receive hot chocolate, make an extra phone, and watch a movie. The youth reported that he knows how to contact his attorney and is allowed to do so if requested. The youth reported that he has never filed a grievance. The youth reported receiving individual and group treatment while in the facility and that he knows how to contact medical if necessary. The youth reported that he has never been in any fights while at the facility and has never feared for his safety while in the facility.

Staff Interviews:	Administrator, line, visiting, intake, medical and mail room staff, were interviewed.
Staff Responses:	<p>All staff interviewed were knowledgeable about policy and procedure. There were no inconsistencies in responses.</p> <p>Mail room- Youth legal mail is not screened by staff; it is opened in front of the youth. Envelopes and stamps are provided to youth.</p> <p>Intake Officer – Youth are provided a student handbook, and there is a manual in Spanish. Staff assist youth with literacy issues. Grievances are addressed to the staff by the youth; however, the staff were unsure of the appeal process, Youth who are under the influence of drugs are sent to the hospital for clearance before being admitted. Medical, mental health and dental screenings are conducted by intake staff; however, they are not trained by medical to do so.</p> <p>Medical- Standing orders are reviewed annually. Medical, dental and mental health emergencies are sent to Columbus Regional Health. The Nurse Practitioner is on site once a week depending on the need; however, there is an LPN on site 40 hours a week.</p>
Non-compliant Standards:	All standards were compliant.
Recommended Action:	No recommended action.

Standards:	<u>Administration; Programs; and Education</u>
On-site Visit conducted 10-17-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifty-one (51) Total Standards audited • Zero (0) mandatory standards • Fifty-one (51) recommended standards • Three (3) standards were identified as non-applicable. • Zero (0) recommended standards were left open for further action.
Auditors:	Angela Sutton and Kristin Herrmann
Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by Director Anita Biehle
Youth Interviews:	2 male youth were interviewed, and they were asked questions regarding intake, personal property, orientation materials, indoor/outdoor recreation, education, and leisure activities.
Youth Responses:	Both youth reported that a same-sex strip search was preformed upon

	admission. Both reported their personal property placed in a box before being stored. Both youth received a shower, and clean clothing in their size and were allowed to contact their guardian. One youth reported that he receives an hour of large muscle movement every day, and the other youth reported receiving about 30 minutes. One youth reported never going outside for recreation, while the other youth reported that they go outside once or twice month. The youth stated they do stretching, walking laps, jumping jacks and push-ups for large muscle movement. Neither youth had participated in any religious programming while at the facility. Leisure activities include talking, board games, cards and puzzles. The youth reported they are allowed to check out books once a month and they are allowed 2 reading books and 1 religious/bible. One youth reported the education program as being good, and the other stated it was very good. Both youth stated that staff are good role models and neither have ever feared for their safety while at the facility. When asked what could be done to improve the facility, one youth stated more food.
Staff Interviews:	Administrator, training coordinator, Intake officer, education and recreation
Staff Responses:	Staff responses were consistent with facility policy.
Non-compliant Standards:	All standards were compliant.
Recommended Action:	None

Standards:	<u>Administration; Security; and Justice & Order</u>
File Review Only 10-25-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Forty (40) Total Standards audited</u> • Zero (0) mandatory standards • Forty (40) recommended standards • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable. • Zero (0)recommended standards were left open for further action.
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Non-compliant Standards:	All files are compliant.
Recommended Action:	None

Performance Based Standards (PbS)

Performance-based Standards (PbS) is a program for juvenile justice agencies, facilities and residential care providers to identify, monitor and improve conditions and rehabilitation services provided to youths using national standards and outcome measures. PbS is a field-supported and self-sustaining continuous learning and improvement program available to all residential programs serving youths across the country.

Bartholomew County Youth Services Center is currently involved in Performance Based Standards, and they are on Level 2.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Bartholomew County Youth Services Center participated in a PREA audit during this audit period and was found to be PREA compliant.

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) – Conditions of Confinement, Facility Self-Assessment-Ensuring safe and humane conditions of confinement for youth held in secure juvenile detention facilities is one of the Eight Core Strategies in JDAI.

Bartholomew County Youth Services Center did participate in a Conditions of Confinement review during this audit. Their review was conducted by a committee from Bartholomew County.

CONCLUSION

Bartholomew County Youth Services Center is in full compliance with the 2018 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) 914-7347 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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