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Inspection Date: May 13, 2016

Subsequent Visit Date(s): February 19, 2016
April 25, 2016
July 21, 2016

Technical Assistance Date(s): January 13, 2016
June 1, 2016

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INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 20th annual evaluation of the Bartholomew County Youth Services Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county	Bartholomew
Governing authority	Bartholomew Circuit Court
Name of facility administrator	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</p>

	fair, firm, and consistent manner which is conducive to their personal growth and development.
Rated capacity	18
Population on date of audit	1
Average daily population for the last 12 months	6
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	14 days
Year the building was built	1965
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	None
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	None
De-escalation techniques training	Mandt System
Physical force techniques training	Mandt System
Chemical agents permitted	No
Name of food service provider	Youth Services Center
Name of food service supervisor	Logan Freck
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Nicole Miller, LPN
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Columbus Regional Hospital

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 16 MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann
File Review of the 16 mandatory standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant. • Bartholomew County Youth Services Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	The Center was clean, well-maintained and offered a safe and positive environment.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One male youth was interviewed about his experiences at the Center. • Youth reported feeling safe, knowing how to report abuse, and receiving plenty of food to eat.
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove documentation from prior audits from the standards files. • Highlight and bullet point relevant information in policy, procedure, and proof of practice documents to show compliance with standard requirements.

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 2/19/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Bartholomew County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. Youth were observed participating in education. The facility population count

was five. Director Biehle was not on grounds, and a day shift supervisor provided me with a tour of the facility. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level in the facility was satisfactory.

On 4/25/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Bartholomew County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. Youth were observed participating in an Earth Day education class. The facility population count was seven. Director Biehle was not on grounds, and Intake supervisor Jason Hatcher provided me with a tour of the facility. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level in the facility was satisfactory.

On 7/21/2016, a third subsequent visit was conducted of the Bartholomew County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Biehle and the youth were observed participating in education classes. The facility population count is 1 youth. All areas appeared to be well-maintained and sanitation levels in the facility were found to be satisfactory. The facility maintenance is currently installing new camera system throughout the detention center.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)

The Bartholomew County Youth Services Center's education technical assistance visit occurred on 1/13/16 and was conducted by Kristin Herrmann. The education program operates year round with instructional days of six hours. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either utilizing a curriculum created at the facility, overseeing an approved online instructional program or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes one full-time teacher, two part-time aides, and one part-time teacher liaison.

The Bartholomew County Youth Services Center's training and development technical assistance visit occurred on 6/1/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

CONCLUSION

Bartholomew County Youth Services Center is in full compliance with the 2016 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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