

Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services 2021 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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INTRODUCTION

The 2021 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services conducted 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.

Bartholomew County Youth Services Center chose to be audited on the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards in 2021, for their 25th annual detention inspection. Of the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) standards audited, sixteen (16) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining two hundred and twenty-one (221) are recommended standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain "Full Compliance." Again, Centers that chose to be audited on the proposed detention standards were only required to meet the expectation of the current detention standards. Bartholomew County Youth Services Center chose to also provide documentation on the extra standards with exclusively new requirements. The breakdown of each audit listed below is only reflective of the current 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 during on-site visits:	3/2
Average daily population for the last 12 months:	6
Average length of stay for the last 12 months:	21 days
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:	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:	Denishia Newsom, LPN – 28 Hours/Week
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Beth Maass BA Psychology
Education Services:	Detention education programming focuses on teaching young people about choices and consequences. Residents receive six hours of educational instruction at the Center year round, five days a week. The program of study is a general four

	<p>core subject course – Language Arts including reading, writing and vocabulary; mathematics, science and social studies including current events. Students may and are encouraged to receive and complete the required work assignments from the school that they are currently enrolled. The program offers remedial review for individual student needs relating to ISTEP and/or TASC. The education program also uses the Indiana Department of Education state standards as guidelines for curriculum and daily lesson plans.</p>
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Bartholomew 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-One Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>16 Mandatory and 35 Recommended</u> • <u>1 Administration Standard, 7 Safety Standards, 23 Security Standards, 3 Food Service and Hygiene Standards, 15 Medical Standards, and 2 Mental Health Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 16 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 33
Auditors:	Rachel McCaffrey, Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone (Inspection) Kristin Herrmann (Files)
Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by Anita Biehler. 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. It was ensured that staff had access to the Emergency Manual.
Youth Interviews:	Four youth residents were interviewed collectively at the on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	The youth were asked a series of questions pertaining to the mandatory and security standards. All youth when asked said they feel safe at the facility and have never been in any fights while there. A couple of the youth had complained of small ants or gnats during the warmer times. This concern was gone over during the debriefing with the director. This complaint was addressed by having the facility sprayed.

Staff Interviews:	There was one line staff and one control officer with line staff experience were interviewed.
Staff Responses:	The staff were asked a series of questions regarding mandatory and security standards. Both staff went over protocol in the event of an emergency. One spoke of fire drills and how they are conducted monthly. The other spoke of other emergency drills like tornado that is conducted a few times a year. There is a system to evacuate the youth simultaneously and a backup for that system. The staff receive twenty hours of training regarding fire and emergency protocols.
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Standards:	<u>Safety, Justice & Order, and Education Standards</u>
Standards Reviewed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>70 Total Recommended Standards Audited</u> • <u>27 Safety Standards, 37 Justice & Order Standards, and 6 Education Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 67
Auditors:	Kristin Herrmann
Youth Interviews:	Four youth residents were interviewed collectively at the on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	Youth were asked a series of questions regarding the safety, justice and order, and education standards. One youth felt that the facility rules were unfair and wanted a laxer bedtime and other things like wearing their own shoes to gym. All the youth felt like the sanctions to rule breaking were fair. All youth reported that they had received a handbook from the facility and were able to keep it. The youth said they were able to use an online learning program and that their earned credits would transfer.
Non-compliant Standards:	8-6-2, 8-6-12, 8-4-10, 8-4-11, 8-4-15
Recommended Action:	There is no recommended action for the non-compliant standards.

Standards:	<u>Food Service & Hygiene, Medical, Mental Health, and Program Standards</u>
Standards Reviewed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty-Three Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>16 Food Service & Hygiene Standards, 13 Medical Standards, 4 Mental Health Standards, and 20 Programs & Services Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 53
Auditors:	Rachel McCaffrey, Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone (inspection) (files)
Youth Interviews:	Four youth residents were interviewed collectively at the on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	All four youth were asked a series of questions regarding food service and hygiene, medical, mental health, and program standards. The youth shared that they received clean bedding on Sundays and clean clothes every day. All the youth residents claimed they receive three meals a day at regular times and that most of them have hot items. They stated that they knew how to request for medical assistance and that their medical and mental health was being taken seriously by the facility.
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Standards:	<u>Administration Standards</u>
Desk Audit Conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sixty-One Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>61 Administration Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 2 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 58
Auditor:	Rachel McCaffrey
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

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

CONCLUSION

Bartholomew County Youth Services Center chose to be audited on the proposed standards, which corresponds with the current (301) detention standards and received a score of 100% compliance with the mandatory standards and 97.71% of the recommended standards.

The facility received a separate scoresheet indicating their level of compliance with the new proposed detention standards.

Therefore, Bartholomew County Youth Services Center is in 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 Kelly Benjamin, Circuit Court
Anita Biehle, Director
pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)
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