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INTRODUCTION

The 2019 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 on three hundred one (301) current detention standards or the corresponding two hundred and thirty-seven (237) corresponding proposed new juvenile detention facility standards.

Clark County Juvenile Detention Center chose to be audited on the current three hundred one (301) current juvenile detention facility standards in 2019, for their 23rd 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

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| Facility county: | Clark |
| Governing authority: | Clark County Juvenile Detention Center |
| Name of facility administrator: | Lyda Abell |
| Detention Director: | Lyda Abell |

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| Detention facility's mission: | To provide the protection and detention of youth in the least restrictive alternative care. It is the philosophy and goal of the detention center to provide programming that adheres to the needs of the residents including medical/hygiene, information, Education, life skills, counseling, drug and alcohol education and religious services. The detention center is committed to providing the highest quality of detention services. |
| Rated capacity: | 14 |
| Population on date of first audit: | 14 |
| Average daily population for the last 12 months: | 12 |
| Average length of stay for the last 12 months: | 15 |
| 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: | Safe Crisis Management (SCM) |
| Physical force techniques training: | Safe Crisis Management (SCM) |
| Chemical agents permitted: | Yes |
| Name of food service provider: | Clark County Jail |
| Name of food service supervisor: | Vicki Emery/Jennifer Pollock |
| Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification: | Adam French, MD |
| Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification: | Dorothy Hickerson, MSW |
| Education Services: | The educational program at the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center is provided through a teacher from the Greater Clark County Schools. The purpose is to provide students school work so they will not fall behind during their time at CCJDC. |

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| Standards: | <u>Safety and Security</u> |
| On-site Visit conducted March 20, 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>82 Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>55 Total Safety Standards, 15 Mandatory and 40 Recommended</u> • <u>27 Total Security Standards, 0 Mandatory and 27 Recommended</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 15 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 65 |
| Auditors: | Terrie Decker and Kristin Herrmann |
| Facility Tour: | The tour was conducted by Director Lyda Abell and Assistant Director Jennifer Snawder. This audit was about “space and safety”. We toured the youth living area, youth rooms, property rooms (both personal property and facility property), janitorial closet, visitation room and search area, private interview space, administrative, security areas and mechanical. We toured medical and the kitchen for proper sharps storage. And ensured that staff had access to the Emergency Manual. |
| Youth Interviews: | Two (2) youth were interviewed, 1 female and 1 male Youth interviews consisted of questions regarding facility safety and sanitation, living area temperatures, emergency and medical call procedures, staff supervision, restraint use, and transportation. |
| Youth Responses: | One of the youth stated that he had feared for his safety, while the other commented that she saw the nurse “too late” when she had a complaint. The youth commented about the rooms being hot, the fire alarms go off a lot at night, making it difficult to sleep and they felt like some staff are more lenient. There was a comment about a particular staff person being disrespectful. These concerns were passed along to the Director and Assistant Director and both were aware of the issues prior to our visit. The issues that could be addressed had been. |
| Staff Interviews: | Facility Administrator and two (2) staff were interviewed: (1) Control room operator and (1) line staff. Facility Administrator interview consisted of questions regarding safety, overcrowding, flammable chemicals, documentation, outside transports, restraint use and emergency plans. Security Staff interviews consisted of questions regarding emergency and count procedures, handling toxic chemicals, sanitation procedures, log documentation, transportation procedures, restraint procedures and search procedure. |

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| Staff Responses: | The Facility Administrator answered the questions with no concerns. Other staff interviewed didn't have any concerns and both seemed to know procedure and where to find the emergency and policy manual when needed. |
| Non-compliant Standards: | 3-2-92 |
| Recommended Action: | This noncompliant standard is about going over the capacity of the facility. Administrators work quickly with the Courts to move youth when the facility is over capacity. Facility staff were well prepared for this audit visit. As this County presents the current standards only the auditing of those standards happens at the facility. Any concerns were addressed while we were present. |

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| Standards: | Justice & Order and Food Service & Hygiene |
| On-site Visit conducted June 19, 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sixty Six Total Standards audited</u> • <u>45 Total Justice and Order Standards, 0 Mandatory and 45 Recommended</u> • <u>21 Total Food Service & Hygiene Standards, 4 Mandatory and 17 Recommended</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 4 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 62 |
| Auditors: | Terrie Decker and Kristin Herrmann |
| Facility Tour: | The tour was conducted by Director Lyda Abell and Assistant Director Jennifer Snawder. This audit focused on food, clothing and due process. We checked on bedding in the youth's room, checked on the hygiene the youth receive and how property was cared for and stored. We toured the kitchen to ensure that all standard requirements were being met. |
| Youth Interviews: | Two (2) youth were interviewed, 1 female and 1 male. Youth interviews consisted of questions regarding facility procedure about room confinement, rules and sanctions, due process, clean bedding/clothing and mail procedures. We talk about food allergies and give them an opportunity to make suggestions about procedure and process. |
| Youth Responses: | Both youth were respectful and willing to answer the questions asked. Overall the youth felt like the rules and procedures were fair and well |

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| | understood. The only suggestion made by the female was a request that they be allowed to have hair ties. This suggestion was passed along to the Director and the Assistant Director. |
| Staff Interviews: | Facility Administrator, (2) line staff, intake, visitation and mail distribution personnel were interviewed during this audit. The food service manager was not available on this day. Questions addressed property given during the intake process and the procedure for mail distribution. We inquired about visitation procedure, confinement and due process |
| Staff Responses: | All staff/personnel were knowledgeable about the areas which we covered. |
| Non-compliant Standards: | None |
| Recommended Action: | None. The facility staff were prepared for our audit visit and had the standards ready for our review. |

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| Standards: | <u>Medical, Mental Health and Education</u> |
| On-site Visit conducted September 18, 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty Total Standards audited</u> • <u>38 Total Medical Standards, 7 Mandatory and 31 Recommended</u> • <u>6 Total Mental Health Standards, Recommended</u> • <u>6 Total Education Standards, Recommended</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 7 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 42 |
| Auditors: | Terrie Decker and Kristin Herrmann |
| Facility Tour: | The tour was conducted by Director Lyda Abell and Assistant Director Jennifer Snawder. This audit focused on medical, mental health and education. Medical staff was not available during this audit, however we were able to talk with education staff. We were able to see how the medical room is set up, and to see the youth in the education setting. We also looked at other areas as the facility as we were touring. |
| Youth Interviews: | We interviewed a male and female youth during this audit. |
| Youth Responses: | With each audit we ask youth questions that pertain to the standards we are addressing during the audit and then ask if they have concerns or comments they would like to make. One youth had a concern about a hygiene product (it appeared this issue was already being addressed). The statements were passed along to the Director. |

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| Staff Interviews: | Education staff, intake and direct care staff were interviewed during this audit. The Director was also interviewed. |
| Staff Responses: | Staff were knowledgeable about the procedures in each audit section. Staff commented that they receive training as required. |
| Non-compliant Standards: | None |
| Recommended Action: | None. Facility staff were prepared for our audit visit. Medical staff was not available. Standard files were reviewed during our visit. |

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| Standards: | <u>Administration & Management and Programs & Services</u> |
| File Review Only | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>One Hundred Three Total Standards audited</u> • <u>79 Total Administration Standards, Recommended</u> • <u>24 Total Programming Standards, Recommended</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 2 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 101 |
| Auditors: | Kristin Herrmann |
| Non-compliant Standards: | None |
| Recommended Action: | <p>No recommendations for this audit.</p> <p>Moving forward the recommendation I would make is for the 2020 audit cycle. In 2020 documentation showing proof of practice will only be accepted from the calendar year 2019. Therefore in your file preparations be mindful of the importance of early preparation and timely submission.</p> |

Inspection Results based on CURRENT STANDARDS:

| | Mandatory | Recommended |
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| Total Standards Audited - 301 | 26 | 275 |
| Number of Standards Not Applicable | 0 | 4 |
| Number of Standards in Non-Compliance | 0 | 1 |
| Number of Standards in Compliance | 26 | 270 |
| Total Percentage of Compliance | 100% | 99.6% |

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

CONCLUSION

Clark County Juvenile Detention Center is in full compliance with the 2019 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) 452-5275 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kellie Shafer (Whitcomb), Director of Reentry & External Relations
Honorable Vicki Carmicheal, Circuit 4
Lyda Abell, Director
pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)
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