

# 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.

Clark County Juvenile Detention Center chose to be audited on the current three hundred one (301) current juvenile detention facility standards in 2021, for their 25th 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

<b>Facility county:</b>	Clark
<b>Governing authority:</b>	Clark County Juvenile Detention Center
<b>Name of facility administrator:</b>	Lyda Abell
<b>Detention Director:</b>	Lyda Abell
<b>Detention facility's mission:</b>	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.
<b>Rated capacity:</b>	14
<b>Population on date of first audit:</b>	5/8
<b>Average daily population for the last 12 months:</b>	8
<b>Average length of stay for the last 12 months:</b>	11 days
<b>Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):</b>	None
<b>Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):</b>	None
<b>De-escalation techniques training:</b>	Safe Crisis Management (SCM)
<b>Physical force techniques training:</b>	Safe Crisis Management (SCM)
<b>Chemical agents permitted:</b>	Yes
<b>Name of food service provider:</b>	Clark County Jail
<b>Name of food service supervisor:</b>	Vicki Emery
<b>Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:</b>	William Hok, MD Mike Hammond, LPN
<b>Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:</b>	Wellstone Regional Hospital
<b>Education Services:</b>	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.

### Clark County 2021 Audit

<b>Standards</b>	<b><u>All Mandatory Standards, Security Standards, and Training Plan (8-3-52)</u></b>
<b>Standards Reviewed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Fifty-Four Total Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>26 Mandatory and 28 Recommended</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>1 Administration Standard, 15 Safety Standards, 27 Security Standards, 4 Food Service and Hygiene Standards, and 7 Medical Standards</u></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0</li> <li>• Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 26</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 28</li> </ul>
<b>Auditor(s):</b>	Rachel McCaffrey, Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone (Inspection) Kristin Herrmann (Files)
<b>Facility Tour:</b>	The facility tour was conducted by Jennifer Snawder. 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 were seen enjoying lunch and participating in class.
<b>Youth Interviews:</b>	A total of four youths were interviewed for the 2021 audit period on site visits.
<b>Youth Responses:</b>	The youth interviewed were asked a series of questions regarding mandatory and security standards. When asked all youth stated that they felt safe and had never feared for their safety while in the facility. One juvenile explained the process of being taken off grounds and stated they had been moved via a facility vehicle. All of the youth confirmed that head counts occurred even at night. Also, that fire drills happen on a monthly basis.
<b>Staff Interviews:</b>	Two line staff were interviewed with one of them working line and control.
<b>Staff Responses:</b>	The staff were asked questions pertaining to the mandatory and security standards. The staff were asked to describe their training on fire and emergency evacuation plans and procedures. Both staff said the training received occurs once a year and is a mixture of computer based and hands on training. Any juveniles that are disabled or high risk would receive one-on-one treatment during an emergency situation. When asked the process for the use of mechanical restraints they stated that

	de-escalation of the situation comes first and then a restraint would be used in accordance with the training that they receive. The restraints are removed once the youth is in a safe locations (their room) and medical will check them once the situation has calmed.
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	None

<b>Standards:</b>	<b>Safety, Justice &amp; Order, and Education Standards</b>
<b>Standards Reviewed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Ninety-One Total Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>6 Education Standards, 45 Justice &amp; Order Standards, 40 Safety Standards (Recommended)</u></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 89</li> </ul>
<b>Auditor(s):</b>	Kristin Herrmann
<b>Youth Interviews:</b>	A total of four youths were interviewed for the 2021 audit period on site visits.
<b>Youth Responses:</b>	All four youth were asked questions pertaining to safety, justice and order, and education standards. All four of the youth had been written up for violating a facility rule and felt that either their sanction was just or that they were expecting it. All of the youth felt like any contact that they had with their attorney, a court official, or probation officer was kept private or would be made private if they asked. The youth were asked how they liked the education program and all responded positively, except for one who just doesn't like education at all. They are able to utilize online learning programs and their credit transfers.
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	3-2.92
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	There is no recommended action for this non-compliant standard.

<b>Standards:</b>	<b><u>Food Service &amp; Hygiene, Medical, Mental Health, and Program Standards</u></b>
<b>Standards Reviewed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Seventy-Eight Total Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>17 Food Service and Hygiene Standards, 31 Medical Standards, 6 Mental Health Standards, 24 Programs and Services Standards (Recommended)</u></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 72</li> </ul>
<b>Auditor(s):</b>	Kristin Herrmann
<b>Youth Interviews:</b>	Two youth were interviewed at the facility. (1 male and 1 female) They were asked questions regarding areas that were inspected and correspond with standards audited during this section.
<b>Youth Responses:</b>	The four youth were asked a series of questions pertaining to food service, hygiene, medical, mental health, and program standards. All four youth reported that they had received all of the required items (clothes, linen, toiletries, etc.) during intake. They receive clean bedding once a week on Saturday and received fresh under clothing every day. All four youth stated that they felt that their medical and mental health is taken seriously and kept confidential.
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	3-4.260
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	File was not submitted, no recommended action.

<b>Standards:</b>	<b><u>Administration Standards</u></b>
<b>Standards Reviewed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Seventy-Eight Total Standards Audited</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>78 Total Administration Standards, Recommended</u></b></li> <li>• Number of Standards Not Applicable: 2</li> <li>• Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 71</li> </ul>
<b>Auditor(s):</b>	Kristin Herrmann
<b>Non-compliant Standards:</b>	3-1.9, 3-1.27, 3-1.44. 3-1.59A, and 3-1.60
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	Recommended actions would be to amend forms and policy and procedure to reflect the standard language.

**Inspection Results based on CURRENT STANDARDS:**

	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
<b>Total Standards Audited - 301</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>275</b>
<b>Number of Standards Not Applicable</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Number of Standards in Non-Compliance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Number of Standards in Compliance</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>260</b>
<b>Total Percentage of Compliance</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>97.43%</b>

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

**CONCLUSION**

Clark County Juvenile Detention Center is in full 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 Vicki Carmicheal, Circuit 4  
Lyda Abell, Director  
pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)  
File