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Inspection Date: April 8, 2015

Subsequent Visit Dates: June 30, 2015 and August 13, 2015

Technical Assistance Date: September 22, 2015

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## INTRODUCTION

Due to new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards being promulgated with the intent to implement in 2016, the Facility Inspection will consist of a review of only the 26 mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance” in accordance with the aforementioned code. The Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services provided five (5) Training Sessions and technical assistance to assist facilities coming into compliance with the new standards.

Therefore, the 19<sup>th</sup> annual evaluation of the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center had three components: inspection for compliance with the 26 mandatory standards located in 210 IAC 6; participation in trainings on the new detention center standards to take effect in 2016; and participation in technical assistance offerings for compliance with the new detention center standards.

## FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county	Clark
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<b>Governing authority</b>	Board of Judges
<b>Name of facility administrator</b>	Lyda Abell
<b>Detention facility's mission</b>	To provide the protection and detention of youth in the least restrictive alternative of 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 possible to the juveniles of Clark County and its surrounding region.
<b>Rated capacity</b>	14
<b>Population on date of audit</b>	14
<b>Average daily population for the last 12 months</b>	14
<b>Average length of stay for the last 12 months</b>	11 days
<b>Year the building was built</b>	1991
<b>Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)</b>	Facility has been painted and new ceiling tiles and floor tiles are being replaced.
<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 Juvenile Detention Center
<b>Name of food service supervisor</b>	Vicki Emery
<b>Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Denise Brooks, NP
<b>Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification</b>	Dorothy Hickerson, MSW

### INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

<b>Auditors</b>	Chance Sweat and Amy Karozos
<b>File Review of the 26 mandatory standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant.</li> <li>• Clark County Juvenile Detention Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.</li> </ul>
<b>Facility Tour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Center was found to be clean, orderly, and well-maintained.</li> <li>• The Center had newly purchased mattresses, linen sheets, and youth clothing. The common area and sleeping room walls were repaired and clear of graffiti with fresh paint. The resident's furniture is functional and in good condition. The showers were clean, operating properly and repainted. The outdoor recreation area walls are still in</li> </ul>

	need of paint and are scheduled to be completed by summer.
<b>Youth Interviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four youth, two female and two male, all with previous detention stays, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center.</li> <li>• All youth reported, without hesitation, feeling safe at the facility.</li> <li>• Youth did not share complaints or recommendations.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use bullet points to highlight relevant information in the policy, procedure, and proof of practice to demonstrate compliance with specific standard requirements.</li> <li>• Implement a policy, procedure, and practice to ensure all facility inventory sheets are immediately accessible, accurate, and updated daily.</li> <li>• Continue to conduct safety and security inspections, along with maintenance inspections, on a regular basis and complete repairs as needs.</li> </ul>

**SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)**

On 6/30/2015, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Clark County Juvenile by Chance Sweat. Youth were observed participating in outside recreation. The population count was 11. The youth appeared to be in good health, and the sleeping rooms, dayroom and shower areas were clean and well maintained. The food service department and chemical control inventory records were accurate and up-to-date, and the kitchen was cleaned up and better organized. The education department program was shut down due to the teacher’s last day being on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>; the new substitute teacher is starting on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

On 8/12/2015, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Clark County Juvenile by Chance Sweat. Youth were observed participating in group counseling. The population count was eight. All youth appeared to be in good health, and all areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained. Sanitation levels in the facility were found to be satisfactory. The food service department inventory records were accurate and up-to-date, and the kitchen was cleaned up and better organized. The education department program was shut down due to the new teacher being out of town for a family emergency.

**PARTICIPATION IN NEW DETENTION CENTER STANDARDS TRAINING**

<b><u>Introduction to the new standards</u></b> <b><u>Preparing for an Inspection</u></b> <b><u>Administration and Management Standards</u></b> <b>January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b>	No staff participation
<b><u>Safety Standards</u></b> <b><u>Security Standards</u></b> <b>March 10, 2015</b>	Jennifer Pollack, Shift Supervisor Vicki Emery, Shift Supervisor
<b><u>Programs and Services Standards</u></b>	Sheila Baxter, Intake/Shift Supervisor

<b><u>Education Standards</u></b> <b>June 2, 2015</b>	Vicki Emery, Shift Supervisor
<b><u>Medical Standards</u></b> <b><u>Mental Health Care Standards</u></b> <b>July 21, 2015</b>	No staff participation
<b><u>Food Service and Hygiene Standards</u></b> <b><u>Justice and Order Standards</u></b> <b>September 29, 2015</b>	Vicki Emery, Shift Supervisor DeNeatra Bryant

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Clark County Juvenile Detention Center's technical assistance visit occurred on September 22, 2015 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Laurie Elliott. The facility was asked to prepare 10 standard files for review. The technical assistance provided included reviewing the 10 files presented, discussing the need for policy to include language from the standards, and addressing the facility's plan to meet the education, medical, and mental health standards. Future technical assistance will be offered in 2016, or as requested by the facility.

## CONCLUSION

Clark County Juvenile Detention Center is in full compliance with the 2015 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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