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Inspection Date: June 10, 2015

Subsequent Visit Date: September 3, 2015

Technical Assistance Date: September 30, 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 19th annual evaluation of the Dearborn County Juvenile 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	Dearborn
Governing authority	Dearborn Circuit Court

Name of facility administrator	Traci Agner
Detention facility's mission	The Dearborn County Juvenile Center has been established for the protection and detention of youths in the least restrictive alternative of care. Specifically, the Juvenile Center shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Provide for the juvenile's basic needs, such as shelter, food, clothing, and medical care. B. Prevent the abridgment of the juvenile's legal rights during his/her detainment at the facility. C. Provide for physical, emotional, religious, educational and social needs of juveniles during detainment. D. House the juveniles in a safe and humane environment. E. Maintain the level of security necessary with the Juvenile Center to prevent escape and assure that juveniles live free of fear from assaults or intimidation by staff or other juveniles.
Rated capacity	20
Population on date of audit	6
Average daily population for the last 12 months	9.5
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	13 days
Year the building was built	1956
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	Purchased new mattresses; painted kitchen, resident sleeping rooms, the foyer, intake office, and classroom; installed new tile in the kitchen, intake area, and resident sleeping rooms (in progress)
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	Make repairs to the HVAC system; installed new door locks throughout the building
De-escalation techniques training	No specific techniques
Physical force techniques training	Aikido Control Training (ACT)
Chemical agents permitted	Only by law enforcement in an emergency
Name of food service provider	Dearborn County Law Enforcement Center Kitchen
Name of food service supervisor	Linda Kreinhop
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Samantha Wood, DO
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Janelle Batta, MSW

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat and Amy Karozos
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File Review of the 26 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. • Dearborn County Juvenile Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	The Center was found to be a safe, clean and positive environment for detained youth.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four youth, two female and two male, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center. • All youth reported, without hesitation, feeling safe at the facility. • Youth reported not receiving outside recreational opportunities on a daily basis. • Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.
Recommendations	None

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 9/03/2015, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Dearborn County Juvenile Center by Chance Sweat. Director Agner advised me she has started working on the new detention standards requirements at this time. The facility tour was conducted by Director Agner. The facility’s population was 11. Youth were observed participating in education /art classes under direct supervision of detention staff. All youth appeared to be in good health, and all areas appeared to be well-maintained. Sanitation levels in the facility were found to be satisfactory.

PARTICIPATION IN NEW DETENTION CENTER STANDARDS TRAINING

<u>Introduction to the new standards</u> <u>Preparing for an Inspection</u> <u>Administration and Management Standards</u> January 13th and 14th, 2015	Traci Agner, Facility Director
<u>Safety Standards</u> <u>Security Standards</u> March 10, 2015	Traci Agner, Facility Director
<u>Programs and Services Standards</u> <u>Education Standards</u> June 2, 2015	Traci Agner, Facility Director Mary Ann Tighe, Teacher
<u>Medical Standards</u> <u>Mental Health Care Standards</u> July 21, 2015	Traci Agner, Facility Director
<u>Food Service and Hygiene Standards</u> <u>Justice and Order Standards</u> September 29, 2015	Traci Agner, Facility Director

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Dearborn County Juvenile Center's technical assistance visit occurred on September 30, 2015 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Michelle Mosier. 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 reflect 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

Dearborn County Juvenile 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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