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Youth Opportunity Center
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Inspection Date: June 9, 2015

Subsequent Visit Date: August 11, 2015

Technical Assistance Date: October 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 18th annual evaluation of the Delaware County Juvenile Detention Center Youth Opportunity 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	Delaware
Governing authority	Youth Opportunity Center
Name of facility administrator	David Dickerson
Detention facility’s mission	Not provided
Rated capacity	42

Population on date of audit	38
Average daily population for the last 12 months	32
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	Not provided
Year the building was built	1997
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	Painting; flooring in showers
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	None
De-escalation techniques training	Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI)
Physical force techniques training	Not applicable
Chemical agents permitted	No
Name of food service provider	Youth Opportunity Center
Name of food service supervisor	Debbie Epperson
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Dr. Mark Reedy, MD
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Name not provided, Psychologist

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat and Michelle Mosier
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. • Delaware County Juvenile Detention Center Youth Opportunity Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	The Center was found to be clean, orderly, and free of odor.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three youth, one female and two male, all with two or more previous detention stays, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center. • Youth reported, without hesitation, feeling safe at the facility. • Youth reported not receiving enough food to meet their needs. (The facility follows the National School Lunch Program dietary guidelines.) • One youth reported youth spending too much time on lockdown each day. • Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.
Recommendations	None

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 8/11/2015, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Delaware County Youth Opportunity Center was conducted by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Dickerson, and youth were observed in the classroom area for leisure time. The facility population count was 21. The education department was not in session due to summer break. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained; sanitation levels were found to be above average.

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	David Dickerson, Director Jessica Italiano, Lead Staff
<u>Safety Standards</u> <u>Security Standards</u> March 10, 2015	David Dickerson, Director Jessica Italiano, Lead Staff Lynn Doppler, Chief Operations Officer
<u>Programs and Services Standards</u> <u>Education Standards</u> June 2, 2015	David Dickerson, Director Lynn Doppler, Chief Operations Officer
<u>Medical Standards</u> <u>Mental Health Care Standards</u> July 21, 2015	David Dickerson, Director of Alternative Programs James Williams, Director Lynn Doppler, Chief Operations Officer
<u>Food Service and Hygiene Standards</u> <u>Justice and Order Standards</u> September 29, 2015	James Williams, Director

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Delaware County Juvenile Detention Center Youth Opportunity Center's technical assistance visit occurred on October 22, 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 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

Delaware County Juvenile Detention Center Youth Opportunity 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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