

Indiana Department of Correction  
2014-Juvenile Detention Standards- Compliance Report

Grant County Juvenile Detention Center  
501 South Adams Street  
Marion, IN 46952  
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## **I. Introduction**

The annual inspection of the Grant County Juvenile Detention Center for compliance with the Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards, pursuant to 210 IAC 6, was conducted on July 29-30, 2014, by the following team: Ashley Barnett, JDAI Juvenile Justice Strategist; Chance Sweat, DYS, Director of Juvenile Detention Inspections; Kellie Whitcomb, DYS, Director of Re- Entry and External Relations; Michelle Mosier, Compliance Monitor, Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana; and Yul Lee, JDAI Juvenile Justice Strategist.

The 2014 inspection constitutes the 14<sup>th</sup> annual inspection of the Grant County Juvenile Detention Center. The inspection consisted of the facility tour, staff and youth interviews, and a review of policy, procedure, and demonstrated practice as related to the Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and at least 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain “Full Compliance” in accordance with the aforementioned code.

## **II. Facility Demographics**

Rated Capacity: 46

Actual Population: 16

Average Daily Population for the last 12 months: 14

Average Length of Stay: 30 days

Full Time Staff: 27

Part- Time Staff: 1

Contracted Staff: HP Health Professionals

Counties served: Grant, Wabash and Huntington

Data system: N/A

## **III. Facility Description**

The Grant County Juvenile Detention Center is located in the city of Marion, Indiana. The Detention Center opened in September 2000. The Grant County Juvenile Detention Center contains 46 beds and is connected to the Grant County Community Corrections, Probation, Sheriff Detective Division and Parole offices.

The Grant County Juvenile Detention Center Director, Lt. Brenda Chambers, oversees the detention operations with the assistance of Captain of Confinement, Randy Albertson. Magistrate Brian McLane and the Grant County Sheriff Department serve as the facility’s governing authority.

The 46 bed secure detention facility is co-ed and consists of a main control station, 6 pods with a total of 42 beds, and 4 holding intake isolation cells. Each cell contains a toilet, sink, and desk. Each pod shares a single day room area with game tables, dual showers, and storage closets, with numerous surveillance cameras.

The outside perimeter of the facility is equipped with numerous surveillance cameras.

#### **IV. Facility Tour**

The team toured the entire facility. The director, Lt. Brenda Chambers, accompanied the team on the tour and responded to the team's questions concerning facility operations. The facility was found to be extremely clean and well organized. Detention staff were very respectful, friendly, well versed in policy and procedures, and supportive of administration. Juveniles were observed to be positively interacting with staff.

The Medical department was very organized and clean. The education department and the library are located on the second floor of the facility. The education department has a computer lab, several computers, and a very successful GED program. The detention center has full-sized indoor and outside recreation areas near the pod units.

#### **V. Conditions of Confinement**

##### **A. Security**

Detention staff at the center are trained in de-escalation techniques, and physical force is the last resort to be used on the detained youth. The detention center does not use OC spray, and does not have a restraint chair or any other immobilization devices. The detention center does use room restriction for behavior violations and medical isolation. All isolation incidents are approved by an administrative designee and juveniles are monitored visually by unit staff.

##### **B. Environmental Conditions**

The detention center opened in September 2000 offers a safe, secure, and positive environment. All areas of the detention center, including the pod areas, were clean and orderly, and smelled fresh and clean. Sanitation in the facility was found to be above standard. The residents' furniture is functional and in good condition.

All staff wear Sheriff Department uniforms - brown cargo style pants, tan shirts, utility belts and black work boots, while on duty.

Detained youth wear blue jumpsuits, grey sweat shirts, and PVC sandals shoes.

##### **C. Food Service**

The kitchen facility is located near the main entry of the detention center. The food preparation area, kitchen office, dry storage, and deep freezers are separated into 4 individual areas of the facility near the kitchen area. Each area the kitchen is clean, very organized, and functional. Meals are prepared on site by Sheriff Department kitchen staff. The day of the tour, youth were served taco salad, jello and brownies. The serving trays were clean, and the food smelled good. Youth eat their meals inside their cells.

#### **D. Medical Services**

The detention center medical service is provided through a contract with HP Health Professionals group.

The detention center mental health care services are provided by Family Services and Cornerstone Services both facilities are located in Marion, Indiana.

#### **E. Educational Program**

The education program is overseen by facility director, Lt. Brenda Chambers, and Virginia Drake from Marion Community Schools. The education program is made up of one licensed teacher and one assistant teacher, both provided by Marion Community Schools. The detained youth attend school 12 months a year, Monday thru Friday, with 5 hours of instructional focus per day. Youth participate in one hour of physical education per day monitored by detention staff.

#### **F. Visitation**

The Detention Center provides visitation area for youth and their parents or guardians. The Detention Center does not have the capability to offer non- contact visits.

### **VI. Interviews**

Staff gave us privacy and allowed access to all juveniles for interviews. The youth were open, not hesitant, and seemed to feel secure about talking about the facility. Youth interviewed reported that they know the rules and felt safe, and all were very positive about the staff. All youth were able to call a parent or guardian when they arrived at the center. All juveniles knew how to access medical and mental health care and their attorney. The youth reported being served three meals a day, including two hot meals.

### **VII. Special Affiliations**

Grant County Juvenile Detention Center participates in the Indiana Mental Health Screening Project.

### **VIII. Inspection Findings**

#### **A. Review of Folders**

- Folders are maintained electronically.
- Folders were very organized and easy to read.

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**B. Non- applicable and Non- compliant Standards**

Of the 275 recommended compliance standards, zero (0) were identified as non-applicable and (1) was found to be non-compliant. A list of these standards is attached to this Compliance Report.

**IX. Conclusion**

The Grant County Juvenile Detention Center was founded to be in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 99.64% of the recommended standards. The facility was well maintained and organized. The staff was very respectful, helpful and informative. A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten 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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**Standards determined to be non- applicable and non- compliant from Total 301 Standards- 26  
Mandatory and 275 Recommended:**

**Standard # and Remarks;**

**1- Non-Compliant:**

2.117- Toilet and wash basin facilities are available to food service personnel and juveniles in the vicinity of the food preparation area. (ACA-2E-09)

*Comments: No toilet facilities are available in the area without going outside the secure door. There is only a wash basin in the kitchen*

**0- Non-Applicable:**