

Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services 2018 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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INTRODUCTION

The 2018 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services consisted of three on-site facility inspections; staff and youth interviews; and an audit of the state detention standards. The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Facility Standards are in the process of being adopted. Detention Facilities had the option to be audited utilizing the all of the current detention standards or the corresponding two hundred and one (201) specifically selected proposed new juvenile detention facility standards.

Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center chose to be audited on the two hundred and one (201) new juvenile detention facility standards in 2018, for their 21st annual detention inspection. Of the two hundred and one (201) standards audited, sixteen (16) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining one hundred and eighty-five (185) are recommended standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain "Full Compliance". Centers that chose to be audited on the proposed detention standards were only required to meet the expectations of the current detention standards.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county:	Hamilton
Governing authority:	Superior Court 1
Name of facility administrator:	Kija Ireland, Captain Juvenile Division Commander
Assistant Director:	Angela Houston, Lieutenant
Detention facility's mission:	To provide our youth with a safe, secure and healthy environment through positive reinforcement; and provide the youth with an opportunity for behavioral change through various programs.
Rated capacity:	24
Population on date of first audit:	13
Average daily population for the last 12 months:	10 days
Average length of stay for the last 12 months:	16 days
Year the building was built:	1993
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):	Painting, furnishings, partition wall recovered, all showers updated, MPR-new flooring, plumbing controls updated
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):	New "state of the art" camera system, installed key fobs, LED lighting, recirculating tank for chiller, updated chiller/boiler pumps, all new water heaters, new back up AC in control room, added ADA door openers and parking spaces
De-escalation techniques training:	Tools for de-escalation
Physical force techniques training:	Close Quarter Combat Protective Training Services, LLC
Chemical agents permitted:	Yes
Name of food service provider:	Hamilton County Jail
Name of food service supervisor:	Cindy Girtman
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Tim Reed, RN- Advanced Correctional Health
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Zig Basinki- LCSW-Advanced Correctional Health
Education Services:	The youth receive education services through classroom instruction six (6) hours a day, focusing on parent school curriculum, credit recovery, TASC or Life Skills. The center does have remedial reading program and the education program is funded through Title 1 funds.

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 201 DETENTION STANDARDS

Standards:	<u>Safety; Security; and Food Service & Hygiene</u>
On-site Visit conducted 4-26-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sixty (60) Total Standards audited</u> • Nine (9) mandatory standards • Fifty-one (51) recommended standards • Three (3) standards were identified as non-applicable. • Zero (0) standards were left open during this visit.
Auditors:	Angela Sutton and Kristin Herrmann
Facility Tour:	The tour was conducted by Director Kija Ireland. The center was clean, orderly, and well-maintained. The youth were in school during the time of the tour.
Youth Interviews:	Two (2) youth were interviewed, 1 female and 1 male. Youth interviews consisted of questions regarding facility safety and sanitation, living area temperatures, emergency and sick call procedures, staff supervision, restraint use, food allergies and food quality.
Youth Responses:	<p>Both youth reported feeling safe at the facility, and neither youth had been involved in any fights while at the facility. Both youth reported that the facility is clean and free from bugs and vermin. Both youth reported that everything works properly in the facility and that if something is broken, it gets repaired in a timely manner. One youth reported that the temperature can be a little cold in the living and sleeping areas, but they can receive clothing with long sleeves. Both youth reported going through more than 1 fire drill since being at the facility, and one youth reported going through a tornado drill as well. Both youth stated they were aware of how to obtain medical care at the facility. Both youth reported they receive 3 meals a day, with at least 2 being hot meals. Both youth stated they receive clean clothes every day. Both youth had been placed in restraints to be escorted off campus.</p> <p>Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.</p>
Staff Interviews:	<p>Two (2) line staff were interviewed:</p> <p>Staff interviews consisted of questions regarding emergency and count procedures, handling toxic chemicals, sanitation procedures, log documentation, transportation procedures, restraint procedures and distribution of clean linen, clothing, and hygiene items.</p>
Staff Responses:	Line staff were knowledgeable on emergency procedures, and both gave consistent answers. Both staff reported that it was left up to staff discretion to use mechanical restraints; however, both staff reported that

	all other efforts are exhausted first and verbal de-escalation is the preferred method of resolving a situation. Both staff stated the restraints are removed once the youth is secured in the padded cell. Juveniles are assessed by medical following mechanical restraint use if requested or if there is an injury. Juveniles receive clean clothing daily and clean bedding every week. Youth are allowed to shower after strenuous exercise if they request it.
Non-compliant Standards:	All standards were found compliant.
Action Plan:	None at this time

Standards:	<u>Justice & Order; Medical: and Mental Health</u>
On-site Visit conducted 8-31-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty (50) Total Standards audited</u> • Seven (7) mandatory standards • Forty-three (43) recommended standards • Zero (0) Standards were identified as non-applicable.
Auditors:	Angela Sutton and Kristin Herrmann
Facility Tour:	The tour was conducted by Captain Ireland, Lt. Houston and Ms. Horning. The youth were in school during the tour.
Youth Interviews:	Two (2) youth were interviewed, one (1) male and one (1) female. The youth were asked questions regarding their intake/orientation process, rules, reward system, attorney contact, grievances, and mental health/medical responsiveness.
Youth Responses:	Both youth reported they were allowed to make a call to notify their parents upon arrival and that they also received orientation in which they were informed of the programs including the rules. The youth reported that they received a medical and mental health screening. One youth reported receiving a dental screening, but the other stated they did not because this was not their first time being detained HCJDC. Both youth reported that they are allowed to write letters to their families. Both youth reported that they did not know how to contact their attorney; however, one youth said he thinks his PO can contact his attorney for him. One youth stated that they don't speak with their family much due to the cost of the phone calls being too much. The other youth stated that calls depend on what level you are on in the level system. Both youth reported that they have never filed a grievance. One youth reported that the facility has a level system and youth can earn points by participating in schedule. Both youth reported that they knew how to contact medical if necessary and that they have utilized the medical services at the facility. Both youth reported that they have

	<p>received group counseling while in the facility. Both youth reported that they have never feared for their safety. Neither youth has never been in any fights while at the facility. When asked if they had any suggestions how to make the facility better, one youth said that it was a good facility with great staff. The other youth wanted to know the master schedule so they would know what they were doing on a daily basis; this youth also wanted to use the email to contact their home school to get information on their school work.</p> <p>Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.</p>
Staff Interviews:	Administrator, line staff, visiting, intake, medical and mail room staff, were interviewed.
Staff Responses:	<p>All staff interviewed were knowledgeable about policy and procedure. There were no inconsistencies in responses.</p> <p>Mail room- All mail is treated the same, including legal mail. Mail is opened in front of the youth and checked for contraband. Indigent youth can receive paper and stamped envelopes, otherwise youth can purchase stamps from commissary.</p> <p>Intake Officer –Youth are provided a student handbook. When asked about youth who have communication issues due to English being a second language, the staff responded that it hasn’t been an issue. Staff assist youth with literacy issues by reading the manual to the youth, if necessary. Youth who are under the influence of drugs are sent to the hospital for clearance before being accepted. Medical, mental health and dental screenings are conducted by intake staff, and the staff are not health care trained to conduct the screening. Detention administration staff conducts the training.</p> <p>Medical- There are no standing orders; every order is a direct order from the doctor. Medical, dental and mental health emergencies are sent to the local ER for treatment. There is medical staff on site forty (40) hours a week and on call after hours. The doctor is contracted for 3 hours a week. Youth can submit a health care request for non-emergency issues. Health assessments are usually completed within 7 days of admission according to the medical staff.</p> <p>Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.</p>
Non-compliant Standards:	All standards are compliant.
Recommended Action:	None at this time

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Standards:	<u>Administration; Programs; and Education</u>
On-site Visit conducted 10-9-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifty-one (51) Total Standards audited • Zero (0) mandatory standards • Fifty-one (51) recommended standards • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable. • Zero (0) recommended standards were left open for further action.
Auditors:	Angela Sutton and Kristin Herrmann
Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by Captain Ireland and Lt. Houston.
Youth Interviews:	Two (2) youth were interviewed during this visit, one (1) male and one (1) female. The youth were asked questions regarding intake, personal property, orientation materials, indoor/outdoor recreation, education, and leisure activities.
Youth Responses:	<p>Both youth reported that they were searched during intake into the facility. Both youth reported their personal property was inventoried and stored. Both youth received a shower, were given clean clothing in their size, and were allowed to contact their guardians. Both youth reported that they receive an hour of large muscle movement every day. Both youth reported that they go outside for large muscle movement often. Some activities that they perform are basketball, kickball and football. Both youth felt the facility meets their religious needs. Leisure activities include movies, coloring, listening to music, TV and cards. Youth reported they are allowed to check out books from the library and are allowed to have 3 books as long as they are not on lock down. One youth stated the education program is “good” and that he was able to earn a credit towards his diploma. Both youth stated that staff are good role models and neither has ever feared for their safety while at the facility. When asked what could be done to improve the facility, one youth stated that they should be allowed to have books while in isolation and a larger food portions. The other youth said it is a good facility with great staff.</p> <p>Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.</p>
Staff Interviews:	Administrator, training coordinator, Intake officer, education and recreation
Staff Responses:	Staff responses were consistent with facility policy.
Non-compliant Standards:	All standards are compliant.
Recommended Action:	None at this time

Standards:	<u>Administration; Security; and Justice & Order</u>
File Review Only 10-25-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Forty (40) Total Standards audited</u> • Zero (0) mandatory standards • Forty (40) recommended standards • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable. • Zero (0) recommended standards were left open for further action.
Auditors:	Angela Sutton and Kristin Herrmann
Non-compliant Standards:	All standards are compliant.
Recommended Action:	None at this time.

SUBSEQUENT UNNACCOUNCED VISIT(S)

There was one (1) unannounced visit to the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center during this audit cycle to discuss their suicide prevention plan.

CONCLUSION

Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center is in full compliance with the 2018 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) 914-7347 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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