

Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services 2021 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report



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On-Site Inspection Dates: 5/12/2021 and 10/4/2021

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INTRODUCTION

The 2021 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services conducted two on-site facility inspections; staff and youth interviews; and an audit of the state detention standards.

While the proposed Indiana Juvenile Detention Facility Standards are in the process of being promulgated, Detention Facilities had the option to be audited on three hundred one (301) current detention standards or the corresponding two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards.

Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center chose to be audited on the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards in 2021, for their 25th annual detention inspection. Of the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) standards audited, sixteen (16) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining two hundred and twenty-one (221) are recommended standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain "Full Compliance." Again, Centers that chose to be audited on the proposed detention standards were only required to meet the expectation of the current detention standards. Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center chose to also provide documentation on the extra standards with exclusively new requirements. The breakdown of each audit listed below is only reflective of the current standards.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county:	Hamilton
Governing authority:	Circuit Court
Name of facility administrator:	Kija Ireland, Captain Juvenile Division Commander
Detention Director:	Kija Ireland, Captain Juvenile Division Commander
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:	26
Population on date of first audit:	11
Average daily population for the last 12 months:	6
Average length of stay for the last 12 months:	18 days
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):	Paint/touch-up throughout the facility.
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):	Installed 3 additional cameras. Removed a bunk from a double occupancy cell, now a single occupancy cell.
De-escalation techniques training:	Tools for de-escalation
Physical force techniques training:	Close Quarter Combat Protective Training
Chemical agents permitted:	Yes
Name of food service provider:	Hamilton Co Jail
Name of food service supervisor:	Cindy Girtman
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Advanced Correctional Healthcare
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Advanced Correctional Healthcare
Education Services:	Creating a classroom environment that fosters, promotes and develops an understanding of the relationship of healthy body function and exercise; that motivates each student to cultivate physical fitness, and appropriate social and emotional adjustment; that discovers and develop talents of students in physical achievement; and that develops strength, skill, agility and coordination in individual, dual and team physical activities and sports, in accordance with each student's ability.

Hamilton County 2021 Audit

Standards:	<u>All Mandatory Standards, Security Standards, and Training Plan (8-3-52)</u>
Standards Reviewed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty-One Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>16 Mandatory and 35 Recommended</u> • <u>1 Administration Standard, 7 Safety Standards, 23 Security Standards, 3 Food Service and Hygiene Standards, 15 Medical Standards, and 2 Mental Health Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 16 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 34
Auditors:	Rachel McCaffrey, Kristin Herrmann, and Danielle Zagone (Inspection) Rachel McCaffrey (Files)
Facility Tour:	The facility tour was conducted by Ashley Horning. This inspection focused on mandatory standards. Areas such as medical, janitorial closet, kitchen, visitation rooms, search areas, private interview rooms, youth rooms, youth living areas, personal and property areas, mechanical and safety areas were inspected. It was ensured that staff had access to the Emergency Manual.
Youth Interviews:	Four youth were interviewed between both on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	The youth were asked a series of questions regarding the mandatory and security standards. The youth said that they know count is regularly conducted, but often done without them even knowing. All four of them had gone through a fire drill at the facility and know that they are to grab a fire blanket to wrap around themselves as they leave the building. All of the youth stated that they felt safe in the facility and thought that it was clean and in working order.
Staff Interviews:	Two line staff were interviewed and one with control room experience.
Staff Responses:	Staff were asked a series of questions regarding the mandatory and security standards. Mechanical restraints are utilized in the facility and are a part of the officer uniform. They receive extensive training over their use and safety. When a youth comes in and goes through intake health trained detention staff collect the health screening information from the youth. The facility's mental health department conducted their yearly training for the suicide prevention program.
Non-compliant Standards:	None

Recommended Action:	None
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Standards:	Safety, Justice & Order, Education Standards
Standards Reviewed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>70 Total Recommended Standards Audited</u> • <u>27 Safety Standards, 37 Justice & Order Standards, and 6 Education Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 70
Auditors:	Kristin Herrmann
Youth Interviews:	Four youth were interviewed between both on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	The four youth were interviewed about safety, justice and order, and education standards. All four-youth talked about the facility’s positive behavior reward system and how they are able to earn more phone calls and access to commissary. They all enjoy the education program and using the online learning and that their earned credits transfer. They stated that when they contact a court official, probation officer, or attorney that the contact is made private and confidential.
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Standards:	<u>Food Service & Hygiene, Medical, Mental Health, and Program Standards</u>
Standards Reviewed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty-Three Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>16 Food Service & Hygiene Standards, 13 Medical Standards, 4 Mental Health Standards, and 20 Programs & Services Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 52
Auditors:	Kristin Herrmann
Youth Interviews:	Four youth were interviewed between both on-site visits.
Youth Responses:	The four youth were asked questions pertaining to food and hygiene, medical, mental health, and program standards. All youth stated that they receive three meals a day at regular times and that at least two of the meal are hot or have hot items included with them. All of them were satisfied with any medical concerns they have had addressed and felt

	that their medical and mental health were taken seriously and kept confidential.
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Standards:	<u>Administration Standards</u>
Standards Reviewed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sixty-One Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>61 Administration Standards</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 60
Auditors:	Kristin Herrmann
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None

Was the facility required to implement a corrective action plan as a result of the audit? **NO**/YES

CONCLUSION

Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center chose to be audited on the proposed standards, which corresponds with the current (301) detention standards and received a score of 100% compliance with the mandatory standards and 99.54% of the recommended standards.

The facility received a separate scoresheet indicating their level of compliance with the new proposed detention standards.

Therefore, Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center is in compliance with the 2021 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 (812) 929-3980 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Honorable Paul Felix, Circuit Court
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pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)
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